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President's Academic Showcase celebrates
diverse scholarly topics



PICTURE ABOVE: 2019 President's Academic Showcase winners (from left): Benjamin Lang, Jacob Lange, Josiah Popp, Kirstie Schierkolk, Noah Kolander, Camden Leptich, Kaylee de la Motte, Ciaran Aguirre-Stanton and Alice Fackler.

STAFF REPORT

As a part of Concordia's commitment to academic excellence, the university holds an annual President's Academic Showcase of Undergraduate Research. The competition is a chance for students to work one-on-one with a faculty mentor on a research project.

Dr. Erin Nelson, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, coordinated this year's showcase and served as faculty mentor for participant, junior Natalie Wellman, a Behavioral Science major. "Dr. Nelson really encouraged me to take my interests and make it into a research paper. It was a great experience, a lot of work, a lot of pages!"

The competition is inter-disciplinary, drawing entries

from biology, theology, behavioral sciences, music, theatre, education, business, communications, psychology, art, chemistry, history, anthropology, linguistics and mathematics. A panel of faculty, selected from across the disciplines, serve as judges.

The showcase enables students to critically analyze a topic, sometimes testing their own preconceived ideas. Biology major, freshman Kaylee de la Motte, researched genetic engineering. "I was all for fast-tracking (designer gene therapy)," de la Motte said, "Now I'm not so sure."

Students prepare a research paper up to 25 pages in length, designed to be sufficiently scholarly in use of literature, choice of methodology, and

discussion of results and implications.

Students also prepare an academic poster to display their results. Sophomore Ciaran Aguirre-Stanton, a Physics major who focused his poster on universal origins, acknowledged that the research is fulfilling, even if results can't always be quantified. "Sometimes, as a scientist, you're not going to find that proof," Aguirre-Stanton said.

There are two levels of competition: Tier One for upperclassman and Tier Two for freshmen and sophomores. Over \$5000 in prizes are awarded, with a Tier One first place prize of \$1500.

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ASCUI Updates

KATIE DEPOL
ASCUI SECRETARY

Can you believe it? Summer is almost here! The year has flown by so quickly! The Senators of ASCUI have been diligently working throughout the year to collect as much feedback from the student body as they can to bring to higher administration.

The goal was, and is, to hear concerns and do what we can to improve them. On account of the research done by Senate in conjunction with the campus-changing work University Services does every day, I am excited to inform you of several remodels happening on campus over the summer!

The cafeteria is getting updated with new serving stations. This update will allow for quicker food serving times and adapt to the additions Bon Appetit made to the menu!

Also, Lower Quads are getting remodeled. So, if you're living in the Lower Quads next year, get pumped for some new and exciting improvements! That means new wood flooring, kitchen sinks in the kitchen, tiled shower and more. Next, the baseball fields are getting a face lift with additional bleachers for all our fans to

cheer on and support our baseball team!

Last, with the new building coming to a close on construction and gearing itself for opening day, the practice rooms that are currently inside Sigma are being moved to the new building. There are several high-brow practice rooms in the new building meaning more space in CU Active. Once those practice rooms are removed, CU Active will receive yet another expansion with new equipment and a larger floor space for all of your workout needs. ASCUI is excited for all of the new amenities University Services has been working to further enhance your on-campus experience.

Have a fantastic summer and we'll see you next year!

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Best places to (dare we say) cram

DANIEL CASTAGNOLA
STAFF WRITER

Trying to find the perfect place to study during finals? Look no further. Concordia’s students have spoken on their favorite places to study.

Concordia’s campus is filled with great locations to learn all that last minute information. There are obvious places like the library and then there are some secret spots that students may not know about.

Dan Maleski, a sophomore, said his favorite place to study during finals week is the library. “The library is the best place for me to study. I get there early in the day find a spot on the bottom floor and in a private space. I’m able to get all my work done there because it’s such a quiet spot.” Maleski said, “I’ve tried to study at a few other places like Eagles’ Landing but they are just too busy for me.”

Senior John Roberts likes to study in the cafeteria after their work hours. “ I just found this out last year but the cafeteria is open to students to study



Picture Above: Studies say varying the place students study can dramatically boost long-term retention of material. PC: Google

even when the cafeteria is closed,” Roberts said, “I loved it because there was no one in there except me. It made it really easy to be productive.”

Cristiano Tomasetti, junior, said, “I prefer to work in one of the classrooms in Grimm because that environment makes me want to study. I usually go around 4 p.m. because people normally don’t have

classes that late in Grimm. And 4 p.m. is early enough that I can find a room to myself.”

There are so many places to study at Concordia and it’s just a matter of testing out different situations to see which one is the best for yourself. Go try the library or a small quiet place with not too many people moving around to distract you. Try the cafeteria after hours with a low population of students in a big area. Go experiment with a classroom in Grimm.

If you feel compelled to experience what the great outdoors has to offer, try setting up shop on any of the beautiful grass areas around campus. If you need to get off campus, try out the local Starbucks, Coffee Bean, UTC, Peet’s Coffee or just anywhere your heart desires.

Overall, just find what works for you, and good luck on finals!

Concordia Cares – even at the end of the year!



PICTURE ABOVE: Members of Concordia Cares volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House next to the Children’s Hospital of Orange County.

JENNIFER WOOD
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, April 23, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Concordia Cares put on an amazing event at the Ronald McDonald House. LEAD members, Jessica Washington, Ashlin Morey and Gabi Beckman teamed up with the organization to cook a meal for residents. This is not the first time these student leaders have teamed up with Ronald McDonald House. This is the sixth time the Concordia Cares team has had the chance to

help out this year, taking Concordia students that sign up to volunteer along with them. With over 500,000 volunteers and staff members worldwide, the Ronald McDonald House addresses everyday needs of families with sick children. These needs can include housing near a child who is hospitalized, traveling expenses or even just basic medical and dental care. The goal of this organization is to keep families together.

The Ronald McDonald House that Concordia volunteers at is located right next to the Children’s Hospital of Orange County. This location provides families with closer housing to the hospital in order to ease their stay and help with the everyday struggles of having a sick family member. Campus recreation and service learning intern Celina Stratton said, “Those little things you don’t really think about, like making dinner and washing dishes, are really nice to do for

somebody else.” The meal that the team cooked this past Tuesday included a caesar salad, hamburger sliders and grilled cheeses. Once finished cooking, the students got the opportunity to serve their meal to the residents. This was a quick and easy meal that put smiles on the faces of multiple residents of the home that got to enjoy it. LEAD member Gabi Beckman said, “Here at Concordia Cares we plan both on and off campus projects where we help serve the community of Orange County in various ways. We partner with Ronald McDonald House, Orange County Rescue Mission, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Jessie Rees Foundation for our bigger volunteering events. We love serving the families here at Ronald McDonald whether we are cooking meals, cleaning the house or simply just spending time with families. Our mission is to best serve the families however God plans to use us.” This was junior Jacob Hom’s first time volunteering at the Ronald McDonald

house, although he has volunteered for other events the team has put on. He said “It’s really cool to not just give our time or presence but to be able to present something physical to a family like a meal.”

As the school year comes to a close and students gear up for finals, LEAD members are winding down but are ready to come back in the fall with even more energy and ambition to help the community. All students are encouraged to join the Concordia Cares team whether you are building your resume, getting club volunteer hours or simply just want to lend a helping hand.

For more information visit <http://rmhcsc.org/orangecounty> or the CSLD.

Concordia teams deliver impressive stats for 2018-19



PICTURE ABOVE FROM RIGHT TO LEFT: Fatima Wague, Sean Goodwell, Andrew Stout, Brian Chambers, and Heather Nonora PC: eagles.cui.edu

SARAH KRETSCHMAR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Eagle athletics have had a stellar year and have made history in many ways. Each sport had notable and memorable seasons.

The fall set the standard with women's volleyball finishing 10-20 overall and seventh in the PacWest. Men's soccer finished with an overall record of 9-9 and came in third in the PacWest. Women's soccer also finished third with an overall record of 9-6-2. Men's and women's cross country were successful with the men finishing 22 of 28 at the NCAA DII West Regional Tournament and the women finishing 21 of 29. Men's water polo finished eighth in their

conference with an overall record of 5-19.

The winter and spring brought even more success with the men's basketball team finishing second in the PacWest, 23-11 overall and earning a spot at the NCAA DII West Regional for the first time in history. The women's basketball team finished 10-18 overall and seventh in the PacWest. Men's swimming made school history by winning the Pacific Swim and Dive Conference and the women finished fifth at this conference tournament.

Men's volleyball wrapped up their season at 14-19 and finished the year ranked #13 nationally. Women's lacrosse finished 4-6 overall with

a historic triple overtime win over Long Beach State University. Beach volleyball had an impressive season in which they take on many division 1 opponents. The women finished 6-11 overall.

Stunt showed out this year and finished 9-6 in their competitions.

Men's and women's tennis concluded their season this past week. The men finished 11-10 overall and came in fourth in the PacWest. The women finished 11-12 overall and came in seventh in the PacWest.

Many sports are still in action including men's lacrosse who will begin Southwestern Lacrosse Conference play today at 4 p.m. against

Arizona State University in Carlsbad, California. The men are currently ranked #9 in the MCLA Under Armour Coaches poll and have a record of 12-3.

Women's water polo starts the Golden Coast Conference tournament today against University of the Pacific at 6:45 p.m. in Fresno, California.

Track and field will complete at the PacWest Championships starting today and going into tomorrow. They hope to advance to the NCAA outdoor championships May 24-26 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Baseball continues conference play today against Biola University at noon and 3 p.m. at home. They are

currently fifth in the PacWest with a four game series against Holy Names left after their homestand against Biola. Baseball sits at a 17-22 record.

Softball also continues conference play tomorrow against Azusa Pacific University at home at 12-2. Softball is currently in first in the PacWest and ranked fourteenth overall nationally. The Eagles look to advance to the West Regional tournament starting May 10.

Check out cuieagles.com to learn about what's going in athletics and to keep up with the Eagles as they approach playoff season.

Softball goes undefeated in San Francisco



PICTURE ABOVE: Eagles celebrate after Rosenthal's 500th career win. PC: eagles.cui.edu

BROOKE JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

Softball won all 11 of their games in San Francisco and Coach Crystal Rosenthal earned her 500th win of her coaching career.

The team started off the week-long trip by playing Notre Dame de Namur University in double headers on April 12 and 13. Sophomore pitcher, Callie Nunes gave up no runs in the first game and the Eagles scored 12 in the first game. Erika Morris, freshman pitcher, continued their success in the second game giving up no runs

as well. The Eagles won that game by a final score of 4-0. "I think our pitching is great right now, Callie is really killing it, and it's fun to have two pitchers that throw different pitches because it keeps the opposing team on their toes," said Morris.

Day two against NDN, the Eagles continued and finished the four game series with winning scores of 4-2 and 9-0. For freshman Sydney Sprinkle, this was her first week long softball trip and she said, "it was long and exhausting but the team stayed together and grinded through each game."

Some key components during this game came from Sprinkle, two time PacWest Freshman of the Week, who went 2-for-4 with a double and 3 RBI's and Mackenzie Graham, junior catcher, who was on base three times and finished 1-for-2 with two walks and a RBI.

Softball moved into their next four game series against Holy Names University. Day one games included winning scores of 12-0 and 3-2. In game one almost all of the dozen scored were scored in the last two innings. Two of which were homeruns hit by Morris.

In game two Sprinkle brought in two of the three total runs with a homerun over the left field fence. The Eagles ended up going into extra innings in game two. Sarah Kretschmar, junior shortstop, brought in the final go ahead winning run.

In day two against HNU, the Eagles won the final two games of the series with scores of 10-0 and 3-2. In game one, Sprinkle and freshman outfielder, Megan Massa, continued to show their hitting. Sprinkle went two-for-three and two RBI's and Massa went two-for-four and scored three runs. Graham also had continued her hot streak with two hits, hitting in two runs and walked once.

For game two, the Lady Eagles used "plan B" to get the runs they needed to win the game. The Eagles gained a 2-0 lead by playing small ball and bunting to bring the runs in. When the Hawks tied them, the Eagles continued using this strategy to bring a runner into scoring position and Graham doubled to bring in the run.

The Eagles finished off their last two days in San Francisco with a double header against Academy of Art University and one makeup game against

Dominican University. During the double header the Eagles won with scores of 4-0 and 5-3. The first win against Academy of Art was also Rosenthal's 500th win of her career as a coach at Concordia. This game was also a no hitter by Nunes, which made the win even more memorable. This was her sixth no hitter of her collegiate career. When reminiscing, Nunes, PacWest Pitcher of the Week, said, "We put ourselves in a great spot moving forward into postseason and the most lasting and rewarding part was making history with amazing athletes and great friends."

The game against Dominican wrapped up the seven-day trip for the Eagles, winning 6-3. "We played every game with heart and pushed till the very end," said Morris.

The Eagles played Biola last night at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. They will also have their last two home games and senior game, before playoffs, against Azusa Pacific on April 27 at noon. and 2 p.m., celebrating their only senior, Heather Nonora. For more information, go to cuieagles.com.

Senior athletes bid farewell to Concordia

SARAH KRETSCHMAR
CAMPUS EDITOR

As the school year comes to a close, so do the athletic careers of many of the talented Eagles here at Concordia. The graduating seniors will be leaving all that Concordia has provided and using these talents out in the work force and around the world. Many seniors highlight the great experiences they have had at Concordia and what their plans post-graduate are.

Marleigh Aulis is a senior swimmer from Highland. She will be graduating with a degree in Behavioral Science with an emphasis in Psychology and a minor in Law and Politics. She said “I’ll miss all of the wonderful people I’ve connected with including the swim team, Coach Kayle and the Behavioral Science faculty.” Aulis plans to go to law school.

Dominique Yoder is another senior swimmer who will graduate in May with a degree in Communications and a minor in Graphic Design. Yoder said she will “100% miss my team the most” and that the “swim team was the best aspect of my college experience.” Yoder plans to move to San Francisco after graduation and work as an

executive assistant in fashion.

Nick Grimes is a senior infielder on the baseball team from Laguna Niguel. He will graduate with a degree in Business Marketing with a minor in Management. Grimes said he will miss the everyday actions with his team the most. His plans after graduation consist of finding a job in his field and

everyday while also playing the sport that helped bring me to Concordia.” His plans after graduation include working in social media marketing and advertising and playing and coaching lacrosse.

Taylor Waner is a senior sprinter and thrower for track and field. She is from Big Bear Lake and will graduate with a

and always made sure I was striving for my absolute best and taking care of my mental health. Through all four years, I felt loved and supported by the Concordia community.” Waner plans to take a gap year after graduation to focus on an internship and explore her opportunities. She also plans to be apart of FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, to stay connected with others through her faith and sport.

Doni Evans is a senior sprinter from Corona who will graduate with a degree in ESS with an emphasis in Kinesiology and a minor in Pre-Nursing. She said, “I will miss the friends I have made here including the students, faculty and staff.” She plans to apply for full time positions in her field post-graduation.

Dominique Stein is a senior thrower from Portland, Oregon. She will graduate with a degree in Exercise Sports Science with an emphasis in Kinesiology. “The thing I will miss most about Concordia is the people. I spent the majority of my time here as an RA and that experience gave me the opportunity to meet and get to know some pretty incredible people that I would have never known otherwise,”

said Stein. She plans to pursue her Masters in Coaching and Athletic Administration at Concordia and working as the RES Graduate Assistant in HOLOS House.

Sarah Herron is a senior jumper and sprinter from the Bay area. She is majoring in Exercise Sports Science and said “I will miss hanging out with my friends as well as making fun and sweet memories.” After graduation she plans to complete her masters and travel the world.

Toni Green is a senior member of cheer from Long Beach. She will graduate with her degree in psychology and will miss the family atmosphere that she received on a daily basis from the faculty, staff and students. She plans to internship full time after graduation and continue to coach at Costa Mesa High School.

Overall, the seniors of Eagle athletics have made a tremendous positive impact on Concordia as a whole. You can support the graduating Eagles at graduation on Saturday, May 4 at the Bren Events Center, UC Irvine campus.



hopefully getting drafted to continue his baseball career.

Ethan Espiritu is a senior face-off specialist on the men’s lacrosse team. He is from Carlsbad and is majoring in Communications. He said, “I’m going to miss being able to see my teammates and friends

degree in Behavioral Science: Psychology as well as a minor in Exercise Sports Science. Waner said “I will miss the close connections and family vibe that I got from my track and field team and other athletes through SAAC. Also, I will miss the professors I had who were understanding, encouraging,

Men’s volleyball delivers praise-worthy wins against DI opponents

TY O’CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Concordia men’s volleyball team competes at the Division I level despite being a Division II school. They have competed against some of the top nationally ranked universities. To recap the season, this is the second year in a row that the men’s volleyball team has made it to the conference tournament.

The Eagles started off the season by playing three ranked teams at the University California Santa Barbara Asics Invitational. These teams were California State University Northridge, Long Beach State and UC Santa Barbara. Concordia lost all three matches but gave each team a run for their money.

In the following tournament, the Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Warriors Classic, Concordia faced University of Southern California (USC), #4 University of Hawaii at Manoa and NJIT. Losing all three matches, Concordia seemed to not find that one spark that will bring home

some wins for the school.

It was not until the following Eagles’ home game where the fire from previous games and the want in every player to win in front of their home crowd came to surface. Facing Benedictine Mesa, the Eagles swept three sets in a row to win. It was Jonathan Carlson, sophomore outside hitter, who closed the game with a kill to give Concordia their first win of the season. Carlson remarked, “Once I saw that ball hit the floor on our opponents side, my heart rose and we all screamed at the top of our lungs because we knew we found our spark.” Carlson was right; the Eagles then followed up with two more wins against Westcliff and Springfield. From then on, the conference was just an up and down roller coaster but there were some highlights that are worthy of praise.

The Eagles beat nationally ranked teams in the second leg of conference. First off was UC Irvine, ranked number 5 in the nation, where the Eagles won three straight sets with the final point coming from a block from



PICTURE ABOVE: Seniors Chandler Gibb, Hunter Howell and freshman Luke Krzmarzick huddle up during conference tournament.PC: cuieagles.com.

redshirt freshman, middle blocker, Noah Lassandro and redshirt junior, outside hitter, Raymond Barsemian. "For the first time beating UCI and sweeping them, it was huge for us," said Barsemian. "We could tell when this was going to be our point where we were just going to go higher and higher and start winning more games," continued Barsemian. The next two teams were upset victories against #10 Brigham Young University and #6 Stanford University. These three games gave Concordia

enough points to make the conference tournament.

The Eagles traveled to UCLA for the quarterfinals of the MPSF tournament and the Eagles battled but the Bruins earned the 3-0 victory to end the season for Concordia. Senior Hunter Howell had a few words after the game, “I enjoyed playing my last season with my close teammates. I love my team and everything that we accomplished my four years at Concordia.”

Concordia ended the season with a 14-19 overall record and with four all-conference honorees, Chandler Gibb, Hunter Howell and Jordan Hoppe were named All-MPSF Honorable Mention joined by Luke Krzmarzick on the All-Freshman team. Concordia finished ranked #13 in the nation for the combined NCAA Division I and II. Come out next spring to support your nationally ranked men’s volleyball team!

Students look forward to the NFL draft

ALEXIS RIOS
STAFF WRITER

The 2019 NFL Draft will be the 84th annual draft. Now a three-day process, the draft sparks excitement for many people. With the first round set to begin Thurs. April 25, at 8 p.m. ET students are ready to see how it all plays out.

“Football is one of the most exciting sports to watch. Around drafting time, it’s always good to see who’s getting drafted to the team you rooting for,” said junior, Jamel White. And exciting it is, around the draft day it is abuzz as fans gear up to see who their team brings in.

With 32 teams in the NFL, each team’s number to pick is determined by their record last season. The team with the worst record gets the number 1 draft pick, and the team that won the Super Bowl gets the

final pick.

However, the real excitement comes on draft day because each team is “on the clock” to decide what they do. In the first round, they’re allowed 10 minutes to make a decision, but they do not have to draft somebody, they can also trade their pick by making a deal with another team.

Andrew Caraang, a sophomore and devoted football fan said, “I’m excited about this draft because I think the 2019-2020 season is going to have even more competitive teams, as in Super Bowl and playoff contenders. Last year there was a lot, but this year there seems to be even more. I haven’t paid much attention to the college players and combines, but I know a few of the notable names.”

One of the most notable,

Kyler Murray, the quarterback sensation from the University of Oklahoma. Murray is speculated to go as the number 1 overall pick since the Arizona Cardinals have the first choice and are in need of a solid quarterback.

On the other hand, Caraang is a fan of the New England Patriots, last year’s Super Bowl champions. He is hoping that the Patriots use their picks on the defensive and offensive line. “This year we lost a lot of receivers either to trade in the offseason or retirement, most notably Gronkowski and Hogan. However, we have quite a few draft picks and given the history of our trades and picks we usually don’t have big name receivers. I think we will use most of our picks on defense and offensive line. I don’t think we will draft a quarterback either for as long as Brady is

there,” said Caraang.

Meanwhile, White is a fan of the New Orleans Saints. “I’m excited for whoever gets drafted for this journey. Everyone already know how good we were. We made it far in the playoffs last year, and we are coming back as the best team this year, this time we getting a ring,” said White.

Chais Hamilton is a fan of the Chicago Bears. “I hope they draft a good running back because they released one at the end of this past season,” said Hamilton.

Travis Carter, a sophomore, and Los Angeles Rams fan is also hopeful for the draft. “I’m hoping that the Rams draft some pass rush help and interior linebackers, to help Aaron Donald and the secondary out. Since at times that was arguably the Rams weakest point last season. I’m

also hoping they add more depth on the offense,” said Carter.

Jacob Dunagin, a Green Bay Packers fan is also hopeful for the 2019 draft. “I’m hoping we draft a running back and offensive line because that’s what we lacked the most last season,” said Dunagin.

Regardless of who you’re rooting for, the draft is an exciting time. It is filled with surprise, energy, and emotion as teams make decisions that have the potential to change the course of their whole season. *For more information on draft times and coverage check out: <https://www.cbssports.com/nfl/news/when-is-2019-nfl-draft-time-date-schedule-tv-stream-mock-drafts-live-coverage-from-cbs-sports-hq/>*

Valley Girl Voice Coachellaaaaaa

JILL DEL ARROYO
STAFF WRITER

Imagine all the artists in your playlists who constantly sing melodies and send soul moving beats through your headphones, making up the soundtrack of your life all together in one area to perform. Sounds surreal right? This exists. This is Coachella.

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, commonly known as Coachella is a yearly music festival in Indio. The first Coachella music festival took place in October 1999, only selling 25,000 tickets in total. The festival now brings in over 125,000 attendees. This year’s 2019 Coachella festival sold out of its pricey tickets, which start around \$429, within 40 minutes.

There is clearly a high demand for the experience Coachella provides. Coachella is well known globally and attracts a multitude of attendees looking to live the famously known dream that Coachella is. Along with artists such as this years 2019 lineup which consists of a variety of artists such as Kanye West, Ariana Grande, YG, Billie Eilish, Tame Impala and more, the festival also is home to endless

dining experiences, an art studio, the dome which hosts nightly dance parties, a Ferris wheel, and other interactive art and light pieces for the attendees to take part in.

The Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival is a place for individuals to take part in the festival culture and dress up in fun and bold outfits they usually might not wear and witness a plethora of artists they usually might not see. Past Coachella goer Dena Prince said it best, “Coachella is an experience. I was able to see not only the artists I dream of and admire, but a group of people able to be free and forget about everything but the experience taking place right before them, and that is priceless.”

This year’s Coachella festival recently came to a close but the 2020 festival is sure to bring the same life transforming energy that it has been providing since 1999. To get a sneak peak of all that Coachella has to offer for this year's festivities visit <https://live.coachella.com> to see live performances that took place this past weekend.

Temporary homeless shelters in O.C. receive poor reviews

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The homeless community of Orange County is dealing with filthy and inhumane living conditions. These conditions are not suitable for its residents found in the local Orange County emergency homeless shelters. Three shelters that are located in the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim have been through a year-long investigation that has found, “reports of physical and sexual abuse, neglect of residents with disabilities and mental illnesses, and filthy conditions” according to <https://ktla.com>.

The American Civil Liberties Union released a report on three of Orange County’s emergency homeless shelters including: the Courtyard in an abandoned bus terminal, bridges at Kraemer Place in Anaheim, and near the 91 freeway on the corner of Glassell Street. The report touched on the lack of sanitary conditions in the portable restrooms and living areas, sexual harassment by staff, extremely cold winters, very high temperatures in the summers, neglect of residents (including those with a disability or illness) by staff, and sexual abuse

going on within the shelters. Residents of these homeless shelters have claimed that, “jail is better than this shelter” according to <https://ktla.com> and the American Civil Liberties Union report.

Residents of these community homeless shelters may feel this way as the ACLU’s report reads that, “... trash, bodily fluids, and feces build up in the restrooms between cleanings” found on <https://voiceofoc.org>. These unsanitary living conditions have lead to high reports of emergency service calls to these homeless shelters. In regards to the Courtyard shelter in Santa Ana, <https://voiceofoc.org> says that, “From July 1, 2017 to Oct. 31, 2017, there were 313 calls for emergency services — including 85 for a ill person/ unknown problem, 54 calls for respiratory problems and 32 chest pain/cardiac problems.” Residents are losing their lives from lack of medical services in these shelters and need proper medical care for their diseases and illnesses. Sophomore, Breann Alvarado said, “As college students it is important to be aware of what is happening in our county and in our community. We have the power to make a difference towards bettering

these homeless residents’ lives by getting involved. Donating towards your local homeless non-profit is the first step towards making a difference.”

The Orange County Rescue Mission is a local non-profit organization that takes donations which go directly towards helping the homeless. For every dollar that is donated, 83 cents go towards the homeless, leaving only 17 cents per dollar to cover administration and fundraising costs. This organization provides meals, beds, showers, school supplies, medical exams, mental health assessments, hygiene assistance, and much more for those in the Orange County homeless community. Sophomore, Rachel Rogers, said, “We should support organizations like the OCRM for their love that they are bringing to the homeless community and for helping so many in need already.” For only \$1.48 you can provide a meal to the homeless at <https://www.rescuemission.org/give-now/>.

Mueller Report brings out tears for some, unification for others

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Beginning in 2016, Democrats argued that the Russians conspired with now-President Donald Trump to help him win the election. In May of 2017, the Justice Department was under a great deal of pressure to determine whether the alleged collusion between Trump and Russia was true and named former FBI Director Robert Mueller special counsel to look into the matter. After nearly two years of scrutiny, inquiry and fact finding, March 22, 2019 ended the investigation with Mueller’s report, exonerating the President of all allegations.

In his report, Mueller states that he “issued more than 2,800 subpoenas, executed nearly 500 search warrants, obtained more than 230 orders for communication records, issued almost 50 orders authorizing use of pen registers, made 13 requests to foreign governments for evidence, and interviewed approximately 500 witnesses.” Adding to the

fact that this investigation was incredibly thorough, it has also been publicly published that while President Trump himself was not involved with the Russians impingement with the 2016 elections, several others that were investigated have been indicted and convicted. While these indictments were made, they were unrelated to the purported Russian collusion, but instead were for reasons of tax evasion, money laundering, being unregistered agents of foreign countries and others.

There has been a great deal of emotion on the outcome of the report. Some are elated that President Trump has been exonerated and proven innocent. On the other hand, some are devastated and disgusted with the president, claiming that the report does not give enough information to fully exonerate Trump.

According to Professor Konrad Hack, he will be happy with the report if the attorney general, William Barr’s account, and special counsel,



PICTURE ABOVE: President Donald Trump PC: REUTERS

Robert Mueller’s report are factual, accurate and corresponding to one another. As a professor of Public Speaking, Argumentation and Debate and Communication Research Methods, Hack is well-versed in both written and oral communication and commented on Trump’s communication styles. “There are two versions of Trump ... the ‘on the teleprompter’ Trump and the

‘extemporaneous’ Trump,” said Hack.

Trump has brought attention to the divide that has been mar- roring our country for decades. The separation is remarkably apparent today, but it was not always that way — Trump has simply spotlighted the political disconnect with his communi- cation tactics.

Whether one feels the Mueller report clears Trump or raises new questions that should be pursued by the leg- islature, one thing’s for cer- tain: the Trump White House and our ever-vocal president will continue to remain in the limelight.

New city rules may impact college students living off campus

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According to a report by Voice of OC, “The City of Irvine is cracking down on college students who board up with multiple roommates to afford steep rent prices, to the support of city homeowners concerned with neighborhood character and objection of vocal college students who argue this will force many of them into homelessness.” Living with multiple tenants who are under separate leases is an illegal practice in Irvine and is only permitted in local zoning ordinances.

In an Irvine City Council on March 12, Councilman Anthony Kuo expressed that he doesn’t care what these college students do in their houses, “But when your neighbors are calling and upset about the parking; when we’re driving by and there’s no landscaping, and when the trash cans are out on a Friday and trash day was Tuesday, that’s when I care.”

Erica Cogswell, sophomore, said, “The city of Irvine has University of California,

Irvine; Concordia University, Irvine; and Irvine Valley College; that is three colleges that add up to over 50,000 students overall. The council needs to understand this is a college city that is filled with students who are all most likely all going through the same struggles, which is to afford to live here.”

Around 27 University of California, Irvine students spoke in the opposition in the councils move. One of the UCI students, Jeanee Le said, “Who actually wants to live in a garage or living room or kitchen?” The city will also crack down on short term rental setups, such as Airbnb, which are also illegal in the city of Irvine. Rachel Rogers, sophomore, said, “Obviously no one wants to live with 12 people in a 2 bedroom apartment. These college students do this because they are going through a time in their life that they have to do this in order to have a roof under their heads. The City of Irvine should find a solution for these college students rather than making their life

even harder than it was.”

Before the council voted, Fox News said, “Why would you put a city in the position of determining whether or not individuals living under one roof share expenses or chores? ‘Who’s doing the dishes in your house,’ what kind of a question is that? How do we determine what constitutes a family unit based on a relationship?”

Despite opposition from some students and the opinions of Fox News, according to the Voice of OC, “City Council members voted 4-1, with Councilwoman Melissa Fox dissenting last week, March 12, to add language to the city ordinance banning boarding housing in Irvine, to only allow multiple tenants to live together under one lease if they qualify as a “single housekeeping unit,” where all the tenants share living expenses or are related to each other either through blood, marriage, or the functional equivalent of a family where tenants have “psychological commitments” to each other.”

E-cigarettes may be “better,” but they’re still not good

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The modern-day cigarette is not a “one and done and out the window” but rather a use and reuse item. Today, e-cigarettes are the wave of the future for anyone trying to switch over from the ancient leaf packed paper.

The e-cigarette is a handheld electronic device that simulates the experience of smoking a cigarette. It works by heating a liquid, which generates an aerosol, or “vapor”, that is inhaled by the user.

“I smoked for many years and tried to quit but just couldn’t. E-cigarettes have helped me save money while slowly quitting a nicotine dependence,” said John, a UCI senior physics major.

The ingredients of the liquid usually contain nicotine, propylene glycol, glycerin, 1,3-butanediol, 1,3-propanediol, ethylene glycol, menthol, safrole, ethyl vanillin, camphor, α-thujone, coumarin, and diethylene glycol. The health effects of these ingredients are still uncertain.

According to the American Lung Association, “E-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco products among kids—and it’s become an

epidemic. While much remains to be determined about the lasting health consequences of e-cigarettes, there’s evolving evidence about the health risks of e-cigarettes on the lungs—including irreversible lung damage and lung disease.”

“I’ve never smoked a cigarette because they are nasty, but vaping gives me a quick pick me up during the day,” said Alex, a senior communication major.

This is similar to how cigarettes first arrived on the scene in 1865. There was limited research on health benefits and ingredients. This has resulting in 480,000 deaths per year in the United States and more than 41,000 deaths coming from secondhand smoke.

A 2016 Surgeon General’s report concluded that youth use of nicotine in any form, including e-cigarettes, is unsafe, causes addiction and can harm the developing adolescent brain.

A growing number of studies have found that young people who use e-cigarettes are more likely to become smokers, and many are low-risk youth who would not have otherwise smoked cigarettes.

Speech brings home a top 10 title

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Over spring break, our forensics speech team closed out their season by competing at the National Forensics Association (NFA) tournament. Taking place over Apr. 18-22 in Santa Ana, CA the speech team worked furiously to maintain their title as a top 10 team.

Nationally, our team has seen much success in the past. Since its founding in 2007 the speech team has become arguably one of the best forensics programs in the West Coast. This year, members of the speech team competed against over 70 colleges and universities across the nation to secure their title as 7th top team in the nation.

Students competed in several platform and oral interpretation events to gain national success. Platform speeches are informative, persuasive, or provide a rhetorical analysis of a topic. Oral interpretation events include the use of poetry, drama, prose, and/or a combination of genres in order to present an argument.

This five day long tournament requires both



PICTURE ABOVE: Speech team celebrates 7th place national title.
Photo PC: Eva Reyes

passion and perseverance. Freshman competitor Bessem Takang said, “the constant love and support from my coaches, teammates and even fellow competitors made marathon the tournament bearable.” She added, “It was comforting to know that everyone was struggling to keep up with the intense schedule.”

All that hard work paid off when Takang was named novice poetry champion along with taking 5th place in novice prose. Along with Takang, senior and co-Captain Eva Reyes made it out to a national final round

of Prose. The first NFA final round break for prose in CUI speech history, Reyes took 5th out of 218 competitors.

This year’s nationals team was composed of 22 members many of who were able to advance to national final round to octo, quarter, and semi-final rounds. “It was great to see our freshman, Bessem Takang and Jedi Brobby, who had never done speech before break into out rounds. That’s almost unheard of,” said junior Tilford Clark II.

While many forensics nationals tournaments happen in the midwest, this

year was special because it was held in our home state. California is home to a forensics community that is more like family than competitors.

Takang explained “My favorite part was how every person cheered for other teams like they were their own teammates. It shows this activity is more than competition, it’s about supporting everyone’s success

As the forensics season comes to a close the speech team looks forward to catching up on school work and the upcoming summer rest. “I’m looking forward to being a regular student again and applying the lessons I’ve learned from the tournament to my life,” said Clark II.

If you would like information regarding the forensics team, please visit their Facebook page at Concordia University Irvine - Forensics or email the Director of Forensics Yaw Kyerematang at yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu

NFA 2019 AWARDS

Octofinalists

Prose- Jasmine Washington,
Drama-Evette Jahangiri
ADS- Jasmine Washington
Informative- Ingrid Becker
Poetry-Eva Reyes
Duo- Washington/ Comeaux, Comeaux/
Daniels, Jahangiri/
Daniels, Jahangiri/
Reyes, Takang/Brobby

Quarterfinalists

Poetry- Tilford Clark II, Robert Comeaux,
Jedi Brobby
Duo- Clark/Davis Brown
POI- Acacia Varnado

Semifinalists

ADS- Godesulloh Bawa
Duo- Varnado/Reyes
Drama- Eva Reyes

FINALS

Novice Prose- Bessem Takang 5th
Open Prose- Eva Reyes 5th
Novice Poetry- Bessem Takang NATIONAL CHAMPION!

Sweepstakes

Individual- Eva Reyes 15th place
Team- 7th place

Aerie publication party

ASHLEY SANDS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Aerie is Concordia University’s only journal of creative literature and art and welcomes submissions from undergraduate and graduate students, alumni, faculty, and staff. It is the successor of an undergraduate literary journal begun in the 1980s by the late Dr. Robert Baden. The first volume under the name The Aerie was published in 1993, and a second in 1995, under the leadership of Dr. Kurt Krueger, then a faculty member in the English department.

Since 2000, The Aerie has been published annually under the guidance of Prof. Kristen Schmidt and Prof. Rachel Soo.

Production begins in the fall, with the selection of student designers and editors. The graphic design class creates publicity designs for the Call for Submissions poster and web banner; one student’s design is selected. In January, blind submissions are evaluated by selection committees made up of Concordia students and faculty who read, discuss, and choose the entries. Layout and design for the journal is then decided by the student graphic designer and editors for release in the spring.

The annual launch and open mic event was held April 24 in the Danaault Patio in between Grimm Halls. It celebrates the artists and writers published in The Aerie and provid-

ed an opportunity to hear from the artists and enjoy the spoken word. Copies of The Aerie were available and refreshments were provided.

Are you a creative writer? Look for more information about The Aerie at cui.edu and consider contributing next year!

Jazz ensemble final concert

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The last Jazz Ensemble Concert was held on Monday, Apr. 15 in Good Shepherd Chapel. The show featured both Jazz Ensemble I and II class bands. Dr. Tom Mueller, the director of the ensembles, led the concert. The night showcased the talent of those students in the ensembles, as well as providing a time for the audience to hear both classic and contemporary jazz pieces.

Junior Owen Duncan, a trombone player in Jazz Ensemble II, composed his own piece that Jazz Ensemble II performed at the end of the concert, titled Discowen. He explained how it, “Featured everyone so we got to hear one last thing from all of the seniors that will be leaving.” The audience rocked along, enjoying the unique piece. Sophomore Katie Darlington said, “It was the highlight

of the concert for me, I was jamming the whole time.”

There is a lot of coordination that goes into performing jazz music. Duncan said, “There’s so much communication in the rhythm section,” without this, it can be hard to feel the piece come together. “One of the unique things about our jazz group is that there’s six of us, so everybody’s always being featured,” added Duncan. “I always know what someone’s doing so it’s more personal and involves more communication.”

Jazz music means something different to everyone. “There’s a unique groove to it you can always enjoy,” said Darlington. “With jazz, there’s always something drawing me to it, I never get bored listening to it, and that’s something special.”

For more information on the upcoming music calendar, visit www.cui.edu/arts/music/events.