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Score big and #GlowCrazy at Midnight Madness on Oct. 4

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The only thing better than college basketball season is FREE tuition. For the first time ever, two Concordia students will have the chance to win free tuition for a year leading up to Midnight Madness.

Starting this Monday, the Screaming Eagles, a leadership group to promote student engagement in athletics, will be hiding free-tuition cards around campus for students to find, scavenger-hunt style, throughout the week.

When a card is found by a student, it will need to be brought to Screaming Eagles Supervisor Amy Haney in her office GYM 200 C. The students will then fill out a form to be entered in the drawing and eligibility details will be explained. Marty the Eagle will pick two students, one male and one female, during chapel on Fri., Oct. 4. to play in a challenge at Midnight Madness to win free tuition! Students must be present in chapel and meet qualification rules.

Midnight Madness is the yearly kickoff to the men's and women's basketball seasons. It is sponsored by the athletic department and put on with the help of the Screaming Eagles. Held in the CU Arena on Fri., Oct. 4, the pre-party will begin at 9:30 p.m. on the gym lawn and the neon-filled madness will move inside at 10:30 p.m. and continue through — you guessed it — midnight.

“It kicks off basketball season but for us, it is a way to bring the whole campus together and just celebrate athletics and celebrate the Concordia



PICTURED ABOVE: Concordia cheer at Midnight Madness 2018.

community,” Haney said.

Students and student-athletes alike join together to get pumped up for the opening of basketball season.

“It’s the first basketball event we have for the year so it’s really nice to see everyone out there and supporting us,” redshirt-junior Austin Clarke said. The Australia native is a returner from last season.

There will be performances by the cheer and dance squads, a dunk contest and both basketball teams will be introduced.

“I think it’s very exciting. It gives the crowd the opportunity to see some new faces [on the team] and familiar faces as well,” senior Robert Taylor said. This will be Taylor’s second Midnight Madness. The 6’3” guard transferred to Concordia from San Diego City College.

For new players to Concordia’s roster who haven’t been able to experience Midnight Madness, it’s

a way to get comfortable playing in front of the home crowd.

“I just want to see the energy that’s in the crowd,” redshirt-junior Darius Lee said. This will be the guard’s first season in green and gold after transferring from San Diego City College as well.

Students will also have chances to win prizes such as an Apple Watch, a flat-screen TV and \$100. By sharing and reposting Screaming Eagles’ social media posts about Midnight Madness, students can be entered to win prizes.

Haney plays double duty in the planning of her sixth Midnight Madness. On top of her duties as Screaming Eagles supervisor, she is also the head coach for the cheer and stunt teams.

“It’s kind of become a tradition for the cheer team to do a big performance at Midnight Madness and the girls just love it,” Haney said. “It’s the one time they get to show their skills and show what they can do in front of

their peers and friends,” she said.

Students get to see a different side of the cheer squad as they are able to do more routines and stunts compared to the sideline cheers at a basketball games.

“We try to put on a big show that wows everybody and put some crazy stunts in there to keep everybody on their toes,” Haney said.

The pre-party will include a DJ, taco man, ice cream truck, photo booth and much more. The first 100 students in attendance will receive a free T-shirt.

Be on the lookout next week for free-tuition cards around campus and be sure to #GLOWCRAZY at Midnight Madness next week.

Students should come to the event prepared with their student ID cards. Check out the Screaming Eagles Instagram (@cuiscreameagles) for more up-to-date information. studentlife/wellness-center.

Shake and Learn: Why you should be part of the Great California ShakeOut

CHARLOTTE WAITE,
CAMPUS EDITOR

On Wed., Oct. 16 at 10:16 a.m., Concordia will be joining millions of people for the Great California ShakeOut. This drill is designed as a preparation for an earthquake by practicing the Drop, Cover and Hold On technique. At this time, everyone who is on the Concordia campus will be leaving their buildings and walk to the nearest assembly area.

The goal of the ShakeOut is to encourage the campus community to be prepared to sustain and recover quickly when the next big earthquake happens. The Drop, Cover and Hold On technique is the best easiest way to help people be safer during an earthquake event.

The plan for Oct. 16 at 10:16 a.m. is as follows:

Campus Safety will activate the Titan HST mass notification system giving the order to Drop, Cover and Hold On for 90 seconds. After which, everyone is to evacuate to the nearest assembly area

When all the buildings are clear, the Titan HST mass notification will broadcast an all clear message and the day will resume as usual.

It is easy to participate; at 10:16 a.m., Drop, Cover and Hold On! Then proceed to evacuate to an assembly area.

To learn more about earthquake awareness visit the California Great Shakeout at <https://www.shakeout.org/california/>.

Sunday kicks off the music season

TAYLOR SAMEC,
ARTS EDITOR

Although the semester may be (almost) halfway through, the music season is just beginning. Join the Concordia Wind Orchestra in the CU Center on Sun., Sept. 29 for a fun afternoon of music and strings. The musical performance will open up with Morton Gould's Symphony No. 4, "West Point." The concert will be conducted by Dr. Jeff Held and will begin at 3 p.m. in the CU Center on Sunday.

Following the performance, a Michaelmas celebration will take place in the Heritage Garden. The festival will begin at 4 p.m and will include a lesson on the medieval tradition of "Michaelmas." Attendees will also be able to enjoy traditional fares such as smoked goose, blackberries and cakes.

Senior Jessie Brooks was excited to hear about this musical event. She is highly invested in music and said, "It sounds like an interesting event! I am excited to broaden my horizons to new music that I typically would not be exposed to." She is involved in the worship team at her local church and is very involved with music. "I want to make more time for school events since I am almost graduating, and this event seemed like the perfect opportunity to explore the arts," Brooks continued.

The Wind Orchestra will play music from their recent

tour honoring the 75th Anniversary of D-Day as well as give a preview for their upcoming music season.

Senior Vanessa Ramirez is looking forward to the post-concert event in the Heritage Garden. She said, "I love nature and the Heritage Garden so learning about medieval traditions while being surrounded by various plants eating some cake sounds like a great time." The event will focus on the Christian festival "Michaelmas" which is annually celebrated on Sept. 29.

For a fun and unique Sunday afternoon, head over to the CU Center at 3 p.m. and watch a beautiful music extravaganza which is normally \$10, but is free of charge for Concordia students and faculty. Follow it up by heading over to the Heritage Garden for some fun Michaelmas festivities for no charge.

For those that may not know where the Heritage Garden is located, it is on the hillside just past the Ridgeline gate and right next to the large parking lot on the right.

Students should not miss this opportunity to hear some great music and expand their knowledge of the Christian festival of Michaelmas!

For more information on these events, please visit <https://www.cui.edu/en-us/arts/music/events/kick-off>.

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Concordia prepares to celebrate a ‘Night of Hope’



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As the middle of semester blues start to hit students, Concordia's campus ministry, abbeywest, is hoping to liven up campus for a one night only event. On Sat., Sept. 28, Concordia will welcome various bands and the Bethesda Lutheran Community on campus for a student-led festival and benefit

concert called "Night of Hope" located on the CU patio, Amphitheater and CU Center.

Senior, Rachel Moeller, works for abbeywest serving as the Service and Missions Coordinator. As part of her job, she is in charge of organizing this event.. Moeller said that Night of Hope "raises funds and awareness for an organization that brings hope to a larger

community." This year, the event will be raising money for Bethesda Lutheran Communities. This nonprofit organization provides houses and support services to people with developmental disabilities throughout the United States.

Moeller said "it is abbeywest's hope that this event will help raise money and awareness for Bethesda." The cost of admission to this event is \$2 for students; which will go straight to the designated cause. "My team hopes to encourage students and guests to engage with and get to know Bethesda residents, especially since these might be people they don't interact with on a day to day basis," Moeller explained.

Students can also expect to see performances

from three different bands. Moeller said, "For live music we're going to have The Eagle and Child and two bands of Concordia's own students called Tribe and Tongue and Shore Lane." All three of these bands will be performing mini concerts throughout the night.

Tribe and Tongue was created by duo Allison Schult, senior, and Brandon Li who is an alumnus of Concordia. Both Schult and Li are extremely excited about performing at this event. Schult said, "We released our album this past May and this will be our first time performing it live. Both Brandon and I are very excited to continue sharing our music as an official performing band." Schult continued, "Our entire band is made of current students or graduated alumni, so students should get

excited to see some familiar faces and to jam out with us." Tribe and Tongue feels that this performance will be the next step their band takes. Schult said, "I can't wait to see where God takes us with this music and live performance is the next step for us right now."

Students can see Schult and other performances this Saturday at Night of Hope. Tickets for students are only \$2 and \$10 for outside guests. Tickets may be purchased at the event along with event t-shirts and stickers. All proceeds will go to Bethesda Lutheran Ministries. For more information about this event, please go to the Center for Student Leadership and Development and see the abbeywest table or contact Rachel Moeller at rachel.moeller@eagles.cui.edu.

Around-the-World Semester® Update



PICTURED LEFT: ATW® team on top of the church's new building and praying over the construction process. Photo courtesy of Nathan MacGregor.

SETH SKOGERBOE AND
NATHAN MACGREGOR,
STAFF WRITERS

OManish. Subin. Arbin. These are names that meant nothing to me. These are sounds I could not even differentiate a month ago and are now defining my time in Nepal. We've been talking a lot about cataloguing or using lists to illuminate a place or idea in our travel writing class recently. For brevity and pragmatism, I thought I'd practice here.

There are many things that are different here in Nepal. For instance, the exchange rates. 114 Nepalese rupees is equal to one American dollar, 1.5 dollars to ten "mo mo" (the Nepali word for dumplings, and my preferred rate of exchange) and one Tuborg beer advertisement to 20 yards of main street.

"Jaimashi" is used to mean "Praise the Lord" and is a sort of combined blessing, slash greeting, slash farewell among Nepali Christians. There are many indistinguishable "ss" and "sh" sounds and "t"s and "th"s. These plague our English-prone ears. "Those are hills, not mountains," we say, as our Nepali friends laugh.

Our ministry here does not necessarily fit in a list. Neither does the country, honestly, but I am limited by my word count. After lunch each afternoon, our team splits into three groups according to areas where we can best use our talents. One group heads to Higher Ground, a local coffee shop and craft store. There, they dedicate their time to anti-trafficking ministry (photo- and video graphic work, merchandising,

social media and media mentorship included). Another crew heads to a local church to do youth ministry. The remaining dozen of us commute to a local Bible college for fellowship and to help the 60 or so students that reside there with their English.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, in addition to all of the people that we interact with daily in churches, restaurants or hostels. More than being overwhelmed by the bigness and beauty of the Himalayas, we want to leave people overwhelmed in knowing they can find those same qualities in a God who loves them so much and displays this love through 40 road-worn, excitable and passionate foreigners.

ASCUI's newest competition

KATIE DEPOL,
ASCUI SECRETARY

Picture this: You are walking around Concordia's campus casually scrolling through Amazon when you find something you really want. After checking the price, you realize you cannot afford it because of your college budget. Then, you walk into the bathroom and begin to read one of Concordia's famous Toilet Talks. You see a QR code and the poster encourages you to scan it to find out what it is. Since you have been known to scan things from time to time and you are intrigued, you scan the code with your phone. It takes you to a page that says:

"Congratulations! You are the winner of ConQRdia!"

The form is empty so you might as well fill it out, so you fill it out and submit your information. You look back at the description of the form and discover that each new publication of Toilet Talks has a QR code on it and you have just filled out a winning form! You cannot believe how lucky you are. Especially since there are only two winning QR codes. That's right! In all of the public bathrooms on campus, there are only two winning QR codes, one for the ladies and one for the gentlemen.

The next day, you check your email inbox to see if you were the first to scan that winning QR code. After all, just because you found a winning QR code does not mean you automatically win. For that you have to be the first winner. Forrest McFarland, the ASCUI Communications Director, monitors the form to watch for the winner. That winner will then receive a \$5 gift card to Amazon! The catch? You can only win once a semester and must be an undergraduate student.

So, little did you know, scanning that QR code could have just solved all of your Amazon purchasing problems! Soon, an email appears and says that you are the winner of that week's Toilet Talk and will receive a \$5 gift card to Amazon in just three business days. Sure enough, three days later, the gift card is in your inbox. You then go back to that item you have been wanting so badly on Amazon, apply your gift card and smash the order button! You are filled with excitement because not only are you finally getting that item you wanted, but you got it for free.

Now, dear reader, pinch yourself, because this is not just a hypothetical situation. This is real life. Get out there in the Toilet Talk world and scan those QR codes!

Men's water polo stays competitive against top-ten ranked UCI



PICTURED ABOVE: Eagles from left to right: Patrik Zsiros and Marius Jakimcikias during competition.

DAILYNN SANTORO,
STAFF WRITER

Concordia men's water polo team competed against the No. 10 ranked the University of California, Irvine on Fri., Sept. 20. The Eagles fought hard but fell short in the last quarter by a score of 10-12 in favor of UC Irvine.

Juniors Marius Jakimcikias,

Patrik Zsiros and redshirt senior Austin Barton pull this team together for their competitive matchups. With mostly upperclassmen and only three underclassmen, the team's chemistry is an advantage.

Zsiros said, "being a junior and playing for Concordia all three years helps because I have been playing with almost

all of these boys, giving us great chemistry in and out of the pool." The Eagles showed that great chemistry when giving UC Irvine a run for their money last Friday. Barton, who scored the first goal, said, "It feels good to get the first goal and get the team pumped up to come out and put up a fight against UCI. We also showed the crowd that this would be a game to stay and watch

Photo courtesy of Troy Makalena. because we were not leaving the pool without a fight."

Alongside Barton, Jakimcikias lead the team with six goals throughout the game. Jakimcikias said, "It feels good to be able to lead my team with goals. We could have won that game for sure." Zsiros, one of the key players for the Eagles, found himself in foul trouble in the third; he missed the fourth

quarter. Zsiros said, "After being fouled out I was focusing on supporting the team with all my energy from the bench. They stayed very disciplined on defense." Zsiros added, "We played our best game against UCI and this is more important than the outcome. We will see them again this season."

Going into the next games that will eventually lead into the final tournament for the water polo team, Zsiros said, "We are getting better each game and the most important games are conference finals. The outcome of the season depends on the final three games in the championship tournament and we are going to reach our best shape for that weekend. I am confident we are going to achieve the highest ranking we have ever got. I am very positive about it."

Men's water polo has over a dozen games until they play in the conference tournament starting Nov., 22. For live broadcasting, full schedules and results visit the cuieagles.com and go to men's water polo. Go Eagles!

Newport Rib Company Eagles of the Week

Bailey Wade

BEN ROSEHART,
SPORTS INFORMATION
DIRECTOR

The Newport Rib Company Eagle of the Week for the week of Sept. 23 has evolved into a difference-maker on the Concordia University Irvine women's cross country team.

Concordia senior Bailey Wade placed third out of more than 140 runners at the Coyote Challenge to help the green and gold come in second place out of 12 schools. Her individual third place finish was her highest as a NCAA DII student-athlete and her time of 17 minutes and 58 seconds on the 5K course was also a personal record.

Wade's path to Concordia is a bit unorthodox. Amazingly, she did not run cross country at El Modena High School and she ran in just a handful of meets as a senior on the track and field team.

"I got recruited by Coach (Keegan) Bloomfield after running in just a few meets," said Wade. "I visited Concordia and I also had an opportunity to play volleyball for a school in Boston. I just had a gut feeling that I needed to be close to home and my family, especially my grandparents and my younger brother being only four years younger than me," said Wade.

Her brother plays high school water polo and the two siblings come from a very athletic family in nearby Orange, Calif.

"I am very competitive. My family is very competitive and we are all athletes. Even playing games like football or basketball and even board games," said Wade.

Wade is a kinesiology major who has had to work hard to improve both as a student and as a runner. She has made tremendous



strides as a student-athlete – both in and out of the classroom.

"It took me awhile to adjust to college," admitted Wade, "But I like proving people wrong. Going to a four-year school, that was one of my goals."

Wade is now one of a handful of seniors on the women's squad who are setting the pace for the next group of Eagles.

"We have all gotten faster but we have broken big barriers," added Wade. "[The seniors] were part of a huge recruiting class and we are still hungry to do better," she continued.

Out of the top 12 Concordia finishers this past weekend at the Coyote Challenge, all were either seniors or freshmen and all of them placed in the top 45.

"I always say never be satisfied," said Wade. "You can be happy but I still have so many other goals and we are all focused on what is ahead with conference and the regionals," concluded Wade.

The Eagles will toe the line again tomorrow, Sat., Sept. 28 when they compete in the Capital Cross Challenge hosted by Sacramento State.

For the full cross country schedule, visit cuieagles.com.

PICTURED LEFT: Eagle of the Week, Bailey Wade. Photo courtesy of cuieagles.com.

Marius Jakimcikias



PICTURED LEFT: Eagle of the Week Marius Jakimcikias. Photo courtesy of cuieagles.com.

AUSTIN RUIZ,
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Men's water polo player Marius Jakimcikias, junior, picked up this season right where he left the last one... scoring goals.

The Newport Rib Company Eagle of the Week has scored a team-high 26 goals in nine matches to open up the season. Jakimcikias recorded season-high statistics when he contributed five and six goals to both of the Eagles wins this season. In fact, no goal was more dramatic than his game winner as time expired to beat Chapman.

When asked about his strong start to the season, Jakimcikias was quick to acknowledge that he is not alone in his success.

"We trained really hard over the summer and it definitely paid off," said Jakimcikias. "My teammates and the coaching staff trust

me to take the shots and just knowing that they got my back allows me to be more aggressive and play my game," continued Jakimcikias.

Head coach Dreason Barry is pleased with Jakimcikias's play to start the year and expects it to improve as the season progresses.

"Marius has blossomed and his offensive all-around skills have become very difficult for teams to contain," said Barry. "With the work he has put into the last year he has come a long way compared to last season. As teams scout, he will be the guy on our team to stop and this will open up opportunities for his teammates," continued Barry.

A native of Vilnius, Lithuania, Jakimcikias grew up playing water polo, lettering in the sport all four years of high school. When asked why he chose

Concordia to continue his playing career, Jakimcikias said a couple of factors played into that decision.

"Concordia is a great school. I am really happy and thankful for a chance to be here and represent the school. I always wanted to go to a school where I could get a good education as well as compete on a high level in water polo. Concordia offers both and that is why I am here," said Jakimcikias.

Jakimcikias enjoys the California lifestyle. "My favorite thing about living in the states is definitely the beach," said Jakimcikias, adding, "I absolutely love it, going to the beach with my friends is the best. It is so much fun and so relaxing."

Jakimcikias will be back in the pool with his fellow Eagles tomorrow, Sat. Sept. 28 during their alumni game at the at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center at 1:30 p.m.

Underclassmen shine in women's soccer

GRANT STUART,
STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team has had an impressive opening to their season. They have had multiple players stand out and a great showing as a team overall. Freshman Jadenn Carrillo, a Villa Park High School alum, has stood out in recent games. Carrillo was recently awarded PacWest Player of the week for two consecutive weeks.

Carrillo is pleased with the start of the season. "I am truly proud of myself and what I have accomplished so far. I can only hope I can keep it up and continue to be successful. It is only the beginning and it is truly amazing to be noticed this early," said Carrillo.

"These girls are my family and I could not have asked for anything more. Every day I am so thankful to be playing with these talented and beautiful girls. We have connected so well together on the field and the season is just getting started so I am super excited to see how far we can go," added Carrillo.

Another freshman who has been seeing a lot of playing time is Los Alamitos High alum, Analisa

Gjonovich. She has done an exceptional job defensively this season.

"So far this season we have gotten off to a good start. We have played high-level teams and done well against them. Being a freshman on the team has been such a good experience so far and I cannot wait to see where we are by the end of the season. We have so much potential and we will do whatever it takes to end up on top of our conference," said Gjonovich.

Despite dealing with injury, sophomore Kayla Figueroa is optimistic and excited for the upcoming season. "Our season is going well. I believe this is our year to win the conference. We put in a lot of teamwork on and off the field and give it our all. I am looking forward to growing every day with the girls and to see the determination on the field each game. I always work for the person next to me and put in as much extra work as I can and stay positive no matter what and keep everyone happy and make sure they have fun," said Figueroa.

Want to keep up with the Lady Eagles soccer team? Visit cuieagles.com for more information.

Women's volleyball gets knocked down, but gets up again



PICTURED ABOVE: From left to right, Gracie Rowland, Mackenzie Jensen and Kylie Breitenwischer of women's volleyball. Photo courtesy of cuieagles.com.

RENAE ROSS,
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the women's volleyball team went up north for games in Oakland and San Francisco and came back to the nest 1-1. On Fri., Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. the Eagles took on Academy of Art. Following this, Sat., Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. they played Holy Names.

With a great start to their season, the Eagles seemed unstoppable. However, after a close match of 25-18, 25-22 and 25-20 against Point Loma on Wed., Sept. 18 the women's team seemed to be missing a step. "We played nervously, and that was the outcome," said Brianna Latigue, sophomore.

In their game against Academy of Art, you could see the fire lit underneath the Eagles to win. As the game went on, Academy stepped up to the plate and challenged the Eagles. "Art was able to take an early lead and maintained their momentum through the four sets. They earned their win, but we will come back with more fight during the second round of our season," said junior team captain, Jaclyn Brown. The scores of the match were 25-21, 20-25, 16-25 and 17-25.

The next day, the attitude on the court changed. The Eagles and the Hawks battled it out, with Concordia coming out on top in the end. "Ultimately, it was our team fight and our focus to the game plan

that allowed us to come out victorious against them. They played well, but I believe that we played better and tried new things to get them out of the system," said Kylie Breitenwischer, senior. The Eagles appeared to be gaining back the confidence they had from the beginning of their season. The results of this match were 25-22, 23-25, 25-23 and 25-26; a hard fought win for the Eagles.

This week the women's volleyball team is up in Fresno to go up against Fresno Pacific. They come back for an away game against Biola tomorrow, Sat., Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. To keep up and watch games live, check them out at cuieagles.com.

Eagles baseball welcomes youngest member



SARAH KRETSCHMAR,
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The baseball team is excited to add one more individual to their family. In partnership with Team Impact, a local nonprofit organization that pairs children battling chronic illnesses with college athletic teams, the Eagles would like to welcome five-year-old Liam Katz.

Liam is an upbeat youngster who loves to play and hang with all of his newfound teammates. Liam is fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, a disease that affects his bone marrow due to an increase in the production of lymphocytes.

Head coach Joe Turgeon is thrilled to add this special team member to the Concordia family.

PICTURED LEFT: Phil Quartararo of baseball rock climbing with Liam at "Light the Night" event at Angel stadium.

Following a great two years with previous teammate, Alex Hayes, the Eagles are excited for a fresh face and can't wait to build even more meaningful relationships with these kids.

"Liam is an absolute joy to be around. He is constantly laughing and having fun playing with the guys. His fight and courage through his fight with cancer is a reminder to all of us to keep moving forward and be the best we can be on a daily basis," said Turgeon.

Part of what makes Team Impact and these relationships so special is the bonds that student-athletes get to create with the kids.

"All the guys have really taken to Liam and helping

him in any way possible," said Turgeon.

Carpenter Pagett, a senior on the team, admires Liam's strength and said, "We are so happy that he is joining our family. He and his little brother bring so much happiness to everyone around them."

As Pagett mentioned, Team Impact is a family affair. "We plan on sharing in many great memories and making Liam and the Katz family's time here as impactful as possible," said Turgeon.

The Eagles have already spent some quality time with Liam and his family at the "Light the Night" event at Angel stadium which is a walk to bring awareness about various types of blood cancers, CHOC hospital and the beach.

Bailey Collins, senior, acknowledges the tremendous impact that Liam has on the Eagle family. "He is an awesome kid who brings the energy everyday no matter what he

is going through. I think our team can definitely feed off this energy and positivity and hopefully give him some of it back when he needs it," said Collins.

Everyone in Concordia athletics is excited to welcome the newest, and possibly youngest, Eagle to the family. There is so much to learn from this fun-loving boy and the Eagles look forward to building lasting and meaningful relationships.

"I hope the team gains an appreciation for life by being around Liam that will carry them throughout their lives after Concordia. I hope that being with Liam teaches the team to always give back and care for others," concluded Turgeon.

For more information on Team Impact and its vision, visit goteamimpact.org and follow @cuibaseball on Instagram to see what other cool events the guys do with Liam!

Parents Day at Concordia is next Saturday



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Concordia is excited to announce that on Sat. Oct. 5, the university will be hosting a fun filled Parents Day with tons of activities and memory making opportunities on campus.

Parents Day will consist of a family brunch to interact with other students and their families, Parent Day Sessions, Forward in Faith: Fall Festival of Hymns, Dedication & Ribbon Cutting of Borland-Manske Center and Alumni Plaza, the open house of the new Borland-Manske Center and much more. According to Haley Marrujo, an Alumni Relations Coordinator at Concordia, “Parents Day is an opportunity for families and their Concordia student to reconnect and meet other Eagle families.”

The dedication and ribbon cutting of Borland-Manske Center and Alumni Plaza is a highly anticipated event. “The event on Sat., Oct. 5 will be a festival of dedication for the Concordia community, the public and those who have faithfully given of their time, talent and treasure so that

current and future students can continue to learn and grow in their God-given gifts,” Marrujo said, adding, “A rite of dedication will precede the ribbon cutting and then all will be welcome to enjoy the open house throughout the Borland-Manske Center with speakers, music ensembles, opportunities to speak to professors, view the various rooms, and give thanks for this incredible blessing.”

The family brunch and Parents Day Session is another opportunity to create lasting campus memories. “During the Family Brunch there will be Parent-Student interactive games and a photobooth for families to capture their time at Concordia,” Marrujo said. “The Parents Day sessions that will be taking place in the afternoon are a great way to show off your university to your family. Take a walking tour with the ‘Road to Reminisce’ and connect with families/students that have similar interests.”

Concordia is also providing additional activities for those who want to get a head start on Parents Day. On Thurs., Oct. 3 Concordia will be hosting Ducks Night for Concordia where your family can witness the

excitement of the Duck’s home opener. On Fri., Oct. 4, you and your parents can go cheer on the intramural flag football teams at the President’s Bowl at the track where food will be served.

Don’t miss the chance to create lasting memories with your loved ones and connect your family with your Concordia family. For more information regarding Parents Day and the activities available visit <https://www.cui.edu/parents/index/id/23028> and check out the itinerary for Parents Day listed below.

Saturday, October 5, 2019
10:30am - 12:30am - Family Brunch in Student Union
12:30pm - 1:30pm - Parent Day Sessions - Athletic Parent & Student meet & Greet, Marine Bio Lab & Heritage Garden Tours, Road to Reminisce Walk, Cafecito (first gen family gathering)
2:00pm - 3:00pm - Forward in Faith: Fall Festival of Hymns
3:30pm - 4:00pm - Dedication & Ribbon Cutting of Borland-Manske Center & Alumni Plaza
4:00pm - 6:00pm - Borland-Manske Center Open House

Volleyball head coach Paula Weishoff scores career win 300

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On Fri., Sept. 6, the Concordia women’s volleyball team took on the Seattle Pacific Falcons at Point Loma university in San Diego, California. In a hard fought match, the Lady Eagles finished with a 3-2 win to defeat the Falcons. While the win alone was certainly sweet, this win marked head coach Paula Weishoff’s 300th win as a coach.

Weishoff is no stranger to success. She holds an impressive resume including Olympic appearances playing for the United States volleyball team.

Fast forward to 2004, where Weishoff began coaching for the Eagles and leading them to several national finals over a four year period. After a brief hiatus from the Eagles, Weishoff returned to Concordia in 2015, where she has continued to build on the success of the team, leading them to a PacWest title in 2016, with Weishoff also being named PacWest coach of the year.

“My favorite thing about coaching is when the light bulb

goes on for the athletes. When they have the ‘aha’ moment and are able to execute a skill they have been working on or mentally get over a hurdle that had been holding them back,” said Weishoff.

“Her coaching style is just the right balance of pushing us to be our best and being patient. She holds us to a very high standard but ultimately cares about everyone as an athlete and a person. When I came in as a freshman she figured out how to coach my personality and that has meant the world to me,” said senior Julia DenBoer.

Looking forward to the upcoming season, Weishoff and the Eagles will be looking to continue their success as a team. “For the season I am most excited about our team culture and their ability to push through adversity. We were down 1-2 and 0-2 and we found a way to come back and win. We were gritty and resilient and stayed together as a team. Every player on or off the court contributed to our comeback wins,” added Weishoff.

To keep up with the Lady Eagles visit cuieagles.com.

A “psychedelic” Midsummer Night’s Dream delights audiences



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What do you get when you take four young lovers, a band of fairies, a student acting troupe, throw them all into a forest for the night, throw in a bit of magical mischief and add in some flower power? The answers were all found in Concordia Theatre Department’s production of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” which concluded its two weekend run Sun., Sept. 22 at Concordia’s outdoor amphitheater.

PICTURED LEFT: Oberon (Yaw Kyermateng) tells his fairy servant Puck (Stephanie Chavez) about his plans. Photo courtesy of Michael Smith.

The show was directed by Tony Vezner, theatre professor at Concordia and artistic director of Looseleaf Theatre Co., which co-produced the show. The cast and crew were made up of a mixture of current students, Concordia alumni and some professionals from the area. But enough about the boring stuff, you want to know about the play itself.

To get a general idea of what I thought of the production, know this: I only intended on attending the Saturday performance, but instead came back for another dose of hilarity the next day and brought my parents along for the ride.

You truly would not know, without looking at the

program, that there was a mixture of students and professionals on the stage, for all involved performed their part exceptionally well. Katelyn Carr, junior, Abigail Garcia, sophomore, and Victoria Wood, freshman, each played their part as fairies, or, since this performance was set as if from the 70s, closer to hippies, like they truly believed in flower power.

The supporting members of the acting troupe (Scott Berg, junior, Johnny Mohamach, transfer student, Mackinzee Perez, sophomore, Kacy Redmond, sophomore, and Cindy St. Clair, junior) each performed their multiple parts with skilled comedic timing through not only what they said, but often the actions that they performed.

Of course, the show did have its standouts. First, were the four lovers, who due to a case of mistaken identity,

were caught in multiple love triangles that provided plenty of comical moments. Senior Trevor Casillas, who played Demetrius, showcased his physical comedy knowledge with great facial expressions, especially when he was under the spell of Helena, played by Kendra Van Beek, senior. Melanie Villalobos, sophomore, showcased her range of emotions as Hermia as she had to express both love and jealousy toward her true love Lysander, played by alum Jeremy Schlitt, ’11, and friendship and hatred toward Helena.

The two star performances came from senior Kouamy Davis Brown who had the audience laughing in the aisles as Nick Bottom and Pyramus, and Stephanie Chavez, junior, who portrayed the mischievous Puck. Davis Brown utilized extreme over-acting skills with large, over-the-top facial expressions, a wide variety of different

character voices and large, physical comedy to take the spotlight whenever he was on stage. He even got to show how to deal with obnoxiously loud noises that can interrupt an outdoor performance by shouting “It’s the Russians” as he quickly took cover because a plane flew overhead. Chavez showcased her acting talent which, by the end of the show, had the audience applauding her, seemingly begging for more. Overall, this turned out to be an excellent start to the 2019-2020 theatre season.

Next up for the Theatre Department will be “Xanadu,” a roller disco musical based on the Olivia Newton John movie of the same name. Performances are set to begin in early November. For more information on the upcoming season and the Theatre Department, visit www.cui.edu/arts/theatre.

Eagle alum launches YouTube channel

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ACTION! “Hi, it’s me, it’s Cece and welcome to my channel!” Eagle alumni, Siena Goggia has just started up her very own YouTube channel. She begins each video with her personalized catch phrase and theme-song to attract an audience. Goggia has just recently started her YouTube involvement hoping to one day make it BIG as a YouTuber.

Goggia explained, “I always wanted to make a YouTube channel, and it wasn’t until after I graduated college that I was able to get my channel up and running. I have kept up with certain YouTubers

since I was in high school and admired how they are able to make a living by just being themselves, doing reviews, and vlogging about it.” “Vlogging” is known as the term used to describe video blogging that a majority of Youtubers do.

Goggia is one among many other young adults who aspire to become what society refers to as “YouTube famous.” Some of the popular YouTubers Goggia keeps up with are, Jeffree Star, a makeup beauty vlogger, Kian Lawley, a vlogger who shoots types of challenges with his friends, and other beauty gurus such as Jaclyn Hill and Patrick Star who began their careers with makeup reviews and tutorials.

Goggia said, “I kept my page quite simple, just my name: Siena Goggia, although I do also go by Cece. The reason I wanted to create a channel is because YouTube was so inspiring to me. I thought... I might as well give it a shot, especially when the people I follow are making what seems like easy money off of simple videos that make people laugh.” So far, Goggia has only posted one video but plans to post at least one video a week to stay active on YouTube and gain a large follow-

ing. She continued, “surprisingly enough, all you need is 1,000 subscribers on YouTube to be able to start making an income, so hopefully I’ll have good footage that people will want to see and can start making some bank soon. Ha!”

Senior, Sierra Venegas has been friends with Goggia during her time here at Concordia and as an avid supporter. Venegas said, “I love how fresh and exciting Siena’s content is. She’s so bubbly and funny and I think this is a great opportunity for her. It’s exciting to watch your friend pursue a dream like this and I can’t wait to watch her future videos. She’s going to be great.”

Goggia plans to attract an audience of all ranges and ages. Her first video is titled, “The Blindfold Makeup Challenge Gone Wrong.” The video stars Goggia herself and fellow YouTuber friend Erica Anthony as they literally blindfold each other and do full makeovers on film. These are the type of videos that can be seen done by some of the most successful YouTubers. Keep an eye out for Goggia’s next video, and as she would say to sign off, “don’t forget to like, comment, and subscribe to my channel!”

Q&A covers campus improvements



PICTURED ABOVE: Dr. Gilbert Fugitt, Ed.D, Dean of Students & Associate Vice President welcomes feedback and questions from the student body.

DANTE JOHNSON,
STAFF WRITER

recording studio; treating wires individually to get that studio perfect.

With the beginning of the fall semester, Concordia students arrived to campus packed with new and exciting features. Some of these features stand out, like the opening of the Borland-Manske Center (BMC), while others may go unnoticed to the majority. Some of these changes include the new dance room now located in the Performing Arts Annex (PAX) across from the Student Success Center and the gym.

In a Q&A session with Dr. Gilbert Fugitt, Ed.D, Dean of Students & Associate Vice President, Fugitt was able to shed some light on all the new things happening for students on campus.

Q: With the new Borland-Manske Center (BMC) that opened this fall, what highlights should students look forward to?

A: Students should know, even if they are not a Music student or a Christ College student, they are going to have classes in there. A lot of core classes will be held there as well. There is plenty of open space in the building for students to study in, hang out, and get involved with the building. A lot of that space was intentionally put there for students to take advantage of.

Q: Did you have to deal with any difficulties this summer with getting the doors open to BMC for the semester?

A: I didn’t personally. However, there was a tremendous amount of movement in getting everything done. I.T. Services is hard at work trying to get all the technology up in the new building. As far as getting faculty moved into their offices, University Services did a great job with that. I think they are still working on the

Q: There was also work being done in the Lower Quads to match the Upper Quads. The summer before the ceiling fans were installed. How did that come about?

A: That came out of one of our leadership development classes. We asked how we could improve student life on campus. One person said because it was hot in October ‘We would love some ceiling fans.’ Everyone agreed unanimously. So that is how those changes came about.

Q: Can we expect any other improvements to the resident halls?

A: I think the next things are the lounges in the Quads. We are always looking to keep the furniture up to date, refreshing mattresses but no big remodel in the future plans yet.

Q: With these campus makeovers, we are also seeing a growing diverse student body. Will there be any diversity outreach or initiative to assist with integration?

A: Eventually, in the CSLD, we want to put more space for students and diversity clubs to meet. Other spots may open up on campus for a cultural center.

Q: Is there anything else students should be looking forward to?

A: The café has been renovated with new changes. There they can address any student dietary need imaginable. The Library has also been redone along with the expansion of CU Active and an update to Beta.

Fugitt’s office is located in Admin 300. He invites students to stop by with any concerns or ideas they would like to discuss.

Debate About It!



PICTURED ABOVE: 2019 Forensics Team from left to right: David Vasquez, Denise Sprimont, Benjamin Lange, Kaitlyn Gleeson, Meghan Gleeson

CAITIE FULTON,
MUSIC & PERFORMING
ARTS COLUMNIST

Concordia’s Forensics Team presented their debate showcase, “Debate About It,” on Wed., Sept. 25 in the Good Shepherd Chapel. Their topic focused on whether or not the U.S. Federal Government should forgive federally administered student loans.

This topic is relevant now, as Amanda Ozaki-Laughon, the Director of Forensics, explained. “Today, total student loan debt in the United States is over \$1 trillion. The average U.S. student owes over \$29,000 in student loans,” Ozaki-Laughon said. “This topic is especially relevant to college students, who will have to calculate their futures based off of student loan payments. On the flip side,

the U.S. economy may not be strong enough to withstand total loan forgiveness. Economic health affects everyone, not just students.”

The students that participated in the night’s events included David Vasquez and Denise Sprimont as Affirmative, defending the resolution. Kaitlyn Gleeson and Meghan Gleeson were the Negative, opposing the Affirmative. Ozaki-Laughon said, “Each team took turns giving speeches for or against the resolution, with two ‘cross-examination’ times in between for audience members and debaters to ask questions.”

Kaitlyn Gleeson, junior, expressed how much she enjoys being on the team. “We get to talk about relevant topics and learn about how they’re important and applicable in our daily lives,” said Gleeson.

Denise Sprimont, senior, added how the team “is like a family that supports you and helps you achieve your goals.” Sprimont added, “It makes me a better student and a better citizen. It challenges me from an unbiased point of view and sharpens my reasoning skills.”

Both Gleeson and Sprimont agree that, “Debate is really competitive, which is fun!”

Breanna Duncan, a junior who attended the event, said, “I did not expect the depth of knowledge that they had prepared. The extent of their knowledge on the issue was surprising because of the short amount of time [20 min.] that they had.”

The Forensics Team will head to San Diego State University on Oct. 5 and 6 for the Aztec Invitational. “This is a large regional tournament for Southern California. Our debaters will look to maintain their current spots as #1 and #3 in the nation,” said Ozaki-Laughon.

For more information on Concordia Forensics, check out cui.edu/academicprograms/undergraduate/forensics or contact Amanda Ozaki-Laughon at Amanda.ozaki@cui.edu.

STYLE WEEK OC® at Fashion Island



PICTURED ABOVE: Courier staff writers Sierra Venegas and Emily Lawless at StyleWeekOC®.

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Fashion Island and SIMPLY presented the 12th Annual StyleWeekOC® in Newport Beach Sept. 12 through 14. SIMPLY's goal was to connect influencers, brands, industry thought leaders and consumers, and empower attendees to connect, learn and build meaningful relationships.

consecutive time SIMPLY has paired with Fashion Island to bring in hundreds of people and popular influencers.

The weekend consisted of celebrity speakers and three days of in-store and outdoor parties that showed off the newest fall fashion trends. Various fashion icons were presented on the fashion panel to share their opinions about the latest

give advice to aspiring entrepreneurs and stylists. On Sat., Sept. 14, the seats filled with young and eager aspiring entrepreneurs, along with fashion enthusiasts. The women's fashion panel consisted of jewelry designer Gorjana Reidel, influencer Cassydy Berliner, celebrity stylist Lo VonRumpf and social influencer and founder of TOPTOTE, Lindsay Albanese.

At 1:40 p.m., the panel of four was set to speak. U.K. born host, Carly Steel, spoke to the fashion panel about the upcoming fashion in the fall.

Celebrity stylist VonRumpf exclaimed, "I'm so excited for leather and coats." This was ironic because he was, of course, wearing a leather coat. He went on to say how he "adores" a linen or silk trench for the California winters since it doesn't get too chilly. Berliner agreed and threw in the idea of a "fun animal printed coat." Reidel said she loves the idea of chunky jewelry that is styled with fun statement pieces. Albanese chimed in with her love for big bell sleeves that take over an outfit. "Who doesn't like fun sleeves?" said Albanese.

Fun sleeves are so fun until you try to eat In-N-Out, that's all I'm saying.

From the best to the worst, the panel spilled the beans on trends they think need to be buried in a hole and

planted over. Every celebrity knew their opinion in a millisecond. Berliner quickly said, "For sure dad shoes" and the audience laughed out loud in agreement. The panel went on to argue whether neon was "in" or if it should be only appropriate for fingernails. (First world issues and debates, I know).

The panel ended their discussion with advice for future businesses in fashion. "Focus on digital marketing like your website and self-promoting on Instagram," said Reidel. Berliner added legal advice and said, "Set up your business right and get a lawyer and patent." "Accessibility is just a DM away. Follow up!" said Albanese with enthusiasm.

Their heartwarming advice and brutally honest opinions on fashion do's and don'ts made for a memorable afternoon. StyleWeekOC® covered lots of fashion and beauty fun such as activities and runway shows! To find out more information, visit <https://orangecountyzest.com/styleweekoc/>.

"Gastropod", the podcast that looks at food through the lens of science and history



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"This episode we unravel the avocado's amazing journey. A story that involves not only conquistadors and cartel violence, but also a Southern California postman and actress Angie Dickinson lounging in a white leotard." If you'd like to know more about the avocado's journey,

"Gastropod" might be for you. "Gastropod," a lighthearted podcast about everything there is to know about food, will make your mouth water.

Cynthia Graber, from the United States, and Nicola Twilley, who grew up in England are able to contribute their culturally different perspectives on a great deal of food-related

topics. Their podcast offers an understanding of the world through food as they pull from personal interviews with experts, on-site visits and more. Each episode offers a pleasing mix of content relevant to daily life and amusing facts that might score you a point at trivia night. You might find "Gastropod" easing into your day-to-day thoughts.

These two women have no geographical limits; they fearlessly seek grub-affiliated content in every nook and cranny of the world. Whatever there is to discover about the existence of a given dish or way of cooking, Graber and Twilley are determined to find it. The commitment to the topics of each episode is clear, and it keeps their audience coming back for more.

Graber and Twilley serve up a brand new episode every two weeks. The co-hosts cover all things edible. From espresso and whiskey to chile peppers and cheese, it seems

nothing is out of their reach. Merriam-Webster defines gastropod as any large class of mollusks, like snails or slugs, with distinct head bearing sensory organs. It was no one's intention to name the podcast after a slimy organism. Rather, a friend of Graber and Twilley suggested merging gastronomy (meaning the art or science of good eating) and podcasting into one catchy word and it stuck.

In an episode titled "The Salt Wars", salt is described as a magical substance. Once Graber and Twilley break down the importance of salt to human life, it does seem quite magical! The human body cannot make sodium on its own, yet our nerves and muscles cannot function without it. Thus, we NEED salt. On a less serious note, the episode covers the savory qualities of salt, touching on how it had been used in dishes and as a preservative over

time. Doesn't that make you feel better about sprinkling extra salt on your fries?

"It really makes you think about food in a totally different way. The history they share is super interesting and the science is understandable and fascinating! Subscribe and enjoy!" said emrose_b, an avid listener.

The friendly co-hosts welcome suggestions or ideas from their audience for future episodes. Their love for culture and foods of all shapes and sizes shows. Graber and Twilley bless their audience with a humorous spin on cuisine around the world and memorable conversation-starters for years to come.

Whatever your heart... or stomach desires, "Gastropod" has it. For more information, visit gastropod.com or subscribe on iTunes.