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Music Department shows God's love through Sacred Music Concert

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On Wed., Jan 22 in the new Zhang Orchestra Hall of the Borland-Manske Center, Concordia's Music Department held its Sacred Music Concert. The concert was directed by Dr. HyeJung Shin, staff accompanist and vocal coach, and was titled My Savior's Love. The concert took place during the break that is normally filled with chapel, which allowed faculty and students to attend.

Shin was inspired to put on this concert last year after her pastor gave a message on how God can work through our gifts. "I've experienced God's presence speaking to me, giving comfort and encouragement while I'm performing and listening to music. I hoped that this concert would be an opportune time for those attending to meditate on God's love through music," she said. Now in her third year working with Concordia's Music Department, Shin saw that Concordia has "gifted students and strong believers. I have been overwhelmed by our students' devotion and their heart for God. I thought it would be meaningful to put those hearts together." Using the theme verse of Ephesians 1:7, the concert began to take shape.

The concert was separated into four parts that focused on God's redemption, goodness, greatness, praising His name and concluded with prayer. Each section was introduced by a short devotion, given by different students from the department, that reflected on the song selections and



themes. The concert featured organ, a brass quintet, a guitar duet, trombone solo, and various vocal solos, a duet and a female trio.

One of the participants was senior Owen Duncan, music and English major who is also pre-seminary. Duncan not only gave a devotion but performed a trombone solo to "Give me Jesus" and arranged a brass quintet with organ piece to the hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," which is based on Psalms 23. "It's nice to have time to come together and enjoy some of the great Christian music we have, especially chamber pieces which we might not get to hear very often. It was a great opportunity to write a hymn setting because it gave me an opportunity to try some things that would have been impractical in a normal church

setting," Duncan said.

Senior Bryan Meyers, Music Ed. major, was grateful to be a part of the quintet. "I enjoyed being able to praise God and perform for Him with my very, very talented colleagues," he said. "There was a good selection of older to more contemporary works. I enjoyed the variety of different music."

The last devotion was given by Alex Allsing, junior Theology major. "It was such a joy to see my friends who possess such great musical talent give glory to God through his gift of music," he said.

That was the one thing that was truly evident throughout the concert; the participants did not do it for any form of personal gain or acclamation, it was to give glory to God in a special way, using the talents that He had bestowed upon

them.

The Sacred Music Concert will continue on Wednesdays of the third or fourth week of the month this semester and hopefully for future semesters as well. "In the future, I would love to expand this concert to include an art event with music, words, dance, paintings and sculptures to glorify Him with any art form," said Shin. So be on the lookout for more information on that.

Next up for music is Concordia Sinfonietta's annual event the Family Pops Concert, which is held in conjunction with Homecoming weekend this Saturday, Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. This year's theme is Law and Disorder and will feature a musical history of great crime-fighting themes. Admission is free so don't miss out on this sure to be entertaining concert.

Concordia donates to Australia wildfire relief efforts

Kylie Turi, Staff Writer

In September, brushfire season began in Australia and seems never-ending as fires continue to burn across the country. Millions of acres burned, wildlife destroyed and lives lost, Australia continues to fight the fires with no clear end in sight. Students at Concordia who have been affected by the fires and others have come together to create some ways to help in Australia's time of need.

Since the season started, the Australian brush fires have left more than 15 million acres destroyed. With this, there has been an extreme environmental impact with animals and other wildlife lost. According to the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) "It's been estimated that around 1.25 billion animals have been killed across Australia to date." The reality is, environmental impacts of the fires will continue to be seen for many years to come.

Austin Clarke, a senior, and basketball player, born in Tasmania, Australia said, "My immediate family has been lucky enough to not be directly affected by the fires themselves, however, the smoke from the fires has resulted in Canberra, the capital where they live, having the worst air quality in the world for weeks." More

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ASCUI EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLICATIONS



PHOTO ABOVE: Current ASCUI board from left to right: Tyler Haase, Dion Chung, Katie DePol, Isabelle Upchurch, Noah Eschmann, Forrest McFarland. Photo courtesy of ASCUI.

KATIE DEPOL
ASCUI SECRETARY

It's that time of the year when student leadership applications are due. There is no better time like the present to apply for ASCUI! Let me give you the 411 on what each position does.

ASCUI President: Regularly meets with Upper Administration, leads the ASCUI team, participates in committees on campus and along with the Vice President and casts the overall vision for what the theme verse is for the year.

ASCUI Vice President: Regularly meets with Upper Administration, oversees and leads Senate, participates in committees and along with the President and casts the overall visions for what the theme verse is for the year.

ASCUI Communications Director: Oversees and creates all marketing

platforms that come from ASCUI (Instagram, Eagle Insider, Toilet Talks, etc.) and approves marketing for students.

ASCUI Secretary: Takes minutes during ASCUI and Senate meetings, writes bi-weekly Courier articles, plans and oversees all events that come from ASCUI and is an office manager.

ASCUI Club Commissioner: Oversees and works alongside clubs and organizations, holds club president meetings and plans and facilitates the Involvement Fairs.

ASCUI Treasurer: Manages ASCUI budget, conducts

regular reconciliations, oversees reimbursements and manages club deposits.

The ASCUI's focus is bettering the campus for student life by being the liaison from students to Upper Administration. Applications are due Fri., Feb. 7 by 4:30 p.m. to the CSLD. All campaign pieces must be approved before Fri., Feb. 7 to be picked up Mon., Feb. 10. Elections will be on Mon., Feb. 10 and Fri., Feb. 14.

Want to take an active role in student leadership? This is an opportunity you won't want to miss out on. THIS COULD BE YOU!

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than 28 people have died as a result of the fires, and thousands more have been injured or lost their homes.

The U.S. and other countries, as well as non-profit organizations, have been trying to help however they can over the last several months. According to Clarke, "The U.S has been really helpful in the recovery efforts and donations to organizations like the Red Cross have helped look after those most affected."

In fact, at Concordia, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has created a Venmo to help collect donations to help those affected by the fires. The account was created and ran by Darcy Taig, an Australian native and men's volleyball player here at Concordia.

Sarah Kretschmar, SAAC Community Development and Outreach Coordinator said, "Basically what SAAC did was create a Venmo account in which all people can donate to the Red Cross

which is an initiative that is supporting the Australian wildfire relief efforts. All money will go directly to the Red Cross." Kretschmar added, "If Venmo isn't people's style, they can bring cash to Brittany Pereda who is the Assistant Athletics Director of Operations and Development here at Concordia. Her office is located in the Athletic Department behind the Eagle's Nest."

This is a great way for students and staff to serve Australians in their time of need. To participate send money to @CUI-aus-fires or scan the QR code below. Please donate if you can, every bit helps.



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“The Christians” makes students think

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This past month, Concordia's theatre, music and theology departments teamed up to produce “The Christians.” “The Christians” ran for two consecutive weekends with its last performance on Jan. 26.

“The Christians” told the story about a church after its debts have been paid off. In the story, the pastor of the church gives a sermon explaining that God told him the devil and Hell do not exist. This disturbs patrons at the church as it is radically different than what they were being taught previously. The rest of the production follows the repercussions of the sermon on the church and the pastor in question.

Professor Tony Vezner talked about how “The Christians” was a production meant to start conversation. Vezner said, “‘The Christians’ doesn't have a message, just questions. They are big

questions that persist: Do Hell and Satan really exist? How do we know that what we believe about God is true?” “The play leaves things open-ended, so it was essential that the Christ College faculty were there to answer questions. The play became a springboard for deeper faith discussions. I think that's always good for people,” he continued.

The production ran without an intermission and an optional panel discussion with some faculty from Christ College followed the show. During the show, audience members were meant to feel as if they were actually in church witnessing this event take place as it happened. Concordia's choir sang before and after church scenes and audience members were asked to pray during the play. Vezner said, “Our goal is to expose students to a range of theatre styles and subject matter. We think it's good for students to wrestle with issues of faith.” “As for style, this play mixes Immersion Theatre (audiences feel like they are

in a real church and bowed their heads for prayer, etc.) and Epic Theatre which helps audiences look past emotions to think about the arguments. Thus even in intimate scenes, the characters spoke into microphones and parts were narrated – ‘he said, etc.’” Vezner continued.

Vezner concluded, “I think [students] should know that Concordia is a special place. In a lot of colleges, departments fight over resources. On this project we got cheerful support from Dr. Busch and the Concordia Choir, the faculty of Christ College gladly did talkbacks, Pastor Anderson, Jon Jordening and Abbey West shared equipment and space with us. Lots of people talk about collaboration, but people here excel at it.”

The Theatre Department's next production, “Girls Like That,” will run from March 14 - 22 and the Music Department's next show, Family Pops Concert: Law and Disorder, will be tomorrow, Feb. 1.

My big fat greek week: Homecoming edition



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As part of Concordia's Homecoming celebrations from Jan. 27 to 31, Greek Week kicked off to bring out students' school spirit. Student Activities is throwing a Greek-themed dance tonight, Fri., Jan. 31 at Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club and ASCUI has had a slew of on-campus activities for all students to enjoy.

Starting off the week strong, students first took part in the Gladiator Gaga Ball Tournament on the Gym Lawn at 7 p.m. this past Monday, as well as the chance to win an Chick-fil-A gift card. Katie DePol, senior and ASCUI Secretary, said, “About 30 people came, and everyone who did come to play had such a blast playing.” DePol added, “Gaga Ball is a Concordia-favorite game and is easy for anyone to join. It was an event that brought out everyone's school spirit, which is all we could ask for during Homecoming.”

For those who missed Gladiator Gaga Ball, there was another opportunity to battle it out to win another gift card. On Tues., Jan. 28, the Dodgeball Tournament took place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Gym. Forrest McFarland, senior and ASCUI Communications Director, said, “So many people have been asking to do another dodgeball tournament. I wanted to fit in one more before I graduated, so I'm glad that it worked out as one of our events for Greek Week.” The teams that competed had four to six players each, two of which had to be of the opposite gender. The winning team got to take home an In-n-Out gift card as well.

On Wednesday, the Cafeteria served the Concordia-famous turkey burgers during lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Zoie Moore, junior, said, “Whenever I hear that there's going to be a turkey burger day in the Caf, I get super excited. No matter what my schedule looks like that day, I make sure to carve time out of my day for that special sandwich.” In addition to a tasty turkey burger, Marty the Eagle made an appearance and the first 100 students received a free I CUI shirt.

For Thursday's event, ASCUI and Senate hosted a tailgate on the CU Center Patio from 7 to 9 p.m. full of hotdogs, mocktails and even a root beer keg. Rachel Moeller, senior, has enjoyed attending these tailgates ever since she was a freshman. Moeller said, “I've loved going to these for such a long time. Especially since it's my senior year, I want to make the most out of every opportunity to be with my friends before we say goodbye.”

Last but not least, the week's festivities is being capped off today with students bringing out their best togas. On the Student Union Patio, students are encouraged to dress in all things Greek and compete in some fun games to see if they could be the next Olympic athlete. With something happening every day this week, there were plenty of opportunities for students to get a taste of school spirit. Wrap it all up and attend the men's and women's basketball Homecoming games this Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. Be sure to vote for your Homecoming King and Queen by following the directions sent to your Eagles email.



CU Serve Day is bringing all Concordia students together for the community

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STAFF WRITER

CU Serve Day is a brand new event happening at Concordia taking place on Feb. 4. All classes before 4 p.m. had been cancelled for this day in hopes that most of the students will serve in local charities around Orange County.

The school has planned many service projects, most of which begin at 8 a.m. and lasts three to four hours depending on the activity. This is a huge deal for Concordia history because if there is a large turnout of students, this will continue to be an annual tradition.

Tyler Haase, the ASCUI Club Commissioner, spoke very highly of this philanthropic day. “I think it will be a good event for students to go out, serve the community and get a greater understanding of the world

around us and do something better for themselves,” Haase said. He added that this is the perfect opportunity for students because classes are cancelled. “Students can fit the charity to their interests, such as cleaning up the beach or going to serve at a food bank,” Haase said, adding this is a “great way to get your hands at the feet of Jesus and to show the caliber of grace that Concordia students offer.”

The different charities listed are: United Way OC - Book Doctor, United Way OC - Family CareCenter, Goodwill OC, Habitat For Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, Surfrider Newport Beach, Hope Builders, Orange County Rescue Mission, Mariners Church, Saddleback Church, Bolsa Chica Conservancy, Newport Bay Conservancy and Charity on Wheels. Bus rides from campus will take all registered students to and from campus. If any of these

charities interest you, sign up on the Concordia website to lock in your slot. The link can be found below.

The Concordia faculty and student leaders encourage students who cannot serve with the Eagle family on Feb. 4 or cannot register for one of the charities listed, to find ways to serve the community at some time during the first week of February. If you do, let Concordia know about it! Submit a detailed experience or a picture of your time volunteering.

If you need inspiration on what charity to serve at or need guidance, the CU Serves link has a Service Link to help you find a charity of your choice! Remember to sign up for CU Serve Day to make it an annual tradition here at the University. Visit cui.edu/aboutcui/community/serving/concordia-serves.

Around-the-World Semester[®] adventures

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STAFF WRITER

Every other year a group of Concordia students journey to different countries over the course of a semester to serve people around the world as well as get a new educational experience. In the last six months some of our Eagles flew to countries like China, Nepal, Greece and Israel to see what the world had to offer. Now that they're back stateside, they shared what they enjoyed the most and some of the memories they made on the trip that really stood out.

Hannah Scheyder, sophomore, said that her

favorite memory from the trip was a night that she spent eating and watching foreign television with friends in her hotel room in Hanoi, Vietnam. It was the fellowship and simple times that Scheyder recalled the most. "There was a decision made each day to make the mundane magical, by committing to the adventure that each new place would bring," she said. Scheyder added that this was an important lesson she learned in her time abroad and that she would like to bring this new way of thinking to the rest of her years here at Concordia.

But ATW[®] wasn't just about the beautiful subtleties our students encountered.

Lucas Senkbeil, senior, vividly remembers a moment in Mongolia that occurred just after slaughtering a sheep for the first time. During the butchering and cooking part of the process, chunks of ice began to fall from the sky. "It started hailing and it was all so visceral," said Senkbeil. He shared that there was always a lot going on during their stays but this moment felt special and powerful.

Of course a big part of the trip is about immersion into many different cultures. The group got to visit 11 countries this semester all around and interact with different sorts of people from each one.

Scott "Reese" Rountree,

sophomore, spoke of a time where high schoolers from Hungary took him and his friends rock climbing. They got to enjoy the country with some true natives and it turns out it wasn't all that different from home. "It was amazing to be living the life of a regular Hungarian teen and to see how similar yet starkly different it was to mine in the U.S.," Rountree said.

Khoi Vu, junior, said that he felt empowered in the diverse Christian community that he experienced around the world. He recounted a Sunday in Mongolia where he worshipped with the Kazakh and Mongolian people. He said

that hearing familiar melodies in many different tongues was a cool experience. It carried new significance to him so far from home. Vu said, "Despite our differences in culture and language, we were united as brothers and sisters in the saving work of Christ" and that was an important facet of the trip that he will carry forever.

If you are interested in joining the next Around-the-World[®] semester or any of Concordia's other study abroad programs, please visit cui.edu/admissions/undergraduate/academics/study-abroad or email faith.mckinney@cui.edu for more information!

RA applications due today

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Resident Assistant (RA) applications are due today, Fri., Jan. 31. Students can apply to be an RA for Concordia in Rho, Sigma or the Quads. Rho is primarily freshmen a building while Sigma and the Quads are RES halls with a lot of different grade levels that range from a few freshmen to seniors.

If interested in becoming an RA for Concordia next year, listen up! In terms of qualities looked for in a prospective RA, being servant-minded and having passion for the job are musts.

Alexis Borland, Resident Director (RD) of Sigma, said, "We're looking for people who are always going

to take the extra step and are really passionate about putting others' needs before themselves." RAs must also have faith in Christ and be intentional in relationship/community building. Borland explained how RAs in Sigma should also be adaptable and willing to talk to anyone as Sigma has such a wide range of grade levels living in the same building.

Erin Komin, RD of Rho, said, "Freshmen come in learning a lot about themselves and a lot about how a college system works. So, I would want an RA who's patient and willing to educate without coming off as arrogant but just excited to share with them how things work." Komin said she wants someone who is "open to all different activities

and opportunities on campus for students to get involved in." Especially with freshmen, it is extremely important to be willing to learn about different services on campus and promote all different events to help residents find their niche.

Larry Rice, RD of the Upper and Lower Quads, wants RAs who are looking to be involved and engaged in community. Rice explained, "We've had some great introverted people who do [community building] just as well as extroverted people." In Uppers, Rice said that the RAs must bring focus on the purpose of the Living Learning Community of their hall. and be intentional in getting to know the faculty-in-residence in order to build a program with them. In Lower, Rice said that the residents are

more independent, so RAs must find a way to "beat down doors, however that looks," in relationship/community building.

If students want to learn more about what being an RA is like, Rice advises students to talk to current RAs and RDs or even just stop by the RES office. Borland said, "Me and Erin Komin, who is the Rho RD, have been sitting outside the cafeteria once a week. That's a great way to come talk to us in person." Borland also recommends sending her an email at alexis.borland@cui.edu or a message to the RES Instagram page [@cui_relife](https://www.instagram.com/cui_relife). Borland explained, "It's really awesome to meet applicants before we get their applications because then we can put a face to the application."

Rice concluded, "Just encourage people to apply. There're a lot of different personalities and people that we're looking for because we're trying to build teams in our RAs. We aren't just looking for one personality type, we're trying to create a stronger team for having different strengths and helping each other's weaknesses." Borland added, "I think an RA is a really important role on a Christian college campus. I think that students who love the Lord and are willing to go out of their way to serve others, that's really who we're looking for."

Be sure to submit your application today by visiting cui.edu or scanning the QR codes found outside the resident halls.

Let's Go Clubbing with: Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society

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The Beta Beta Beta Biological Honors Society (Tri Beta) is for biology majors to get together with other young scientists and share their love of biology through article discussions, conferences and seminars. This club gives biology majors a chance to get together with others that share similar interests.

"We are able to continue the process of contributing to the body of knowledge as

well as providing guidance to others looking to do their own research," said Anna Chao, junior.

Tri Beta has a busy schedule throughout the year. Along with hosting seminars that feature work that professional scientists have done all across the field, members also attend conferences held by the greater National Tri Beta organization. At these conventions, Chao said that "students get to present and learn about the latest research" alongside others from around the country.

Andrew Poore, senior and President of Tri Beta's Concordia chapter, explained that the group also has regularly scheduled discussions on campus where they cover a scientific journal article and "discuss the information, trying to decide if we agree with the interpretation of the results and if the methods were the best to demonstrate what the article aimed to demonstrate."

Besides academic activities, Tri Beta often joins with the Marine Lab and Heritage Garden for community outreach. They volunteer together by doing "beach clean ups, touch tank events and garden work," said Poore.

The club also goes out on occasional socials like bowling or the beach. Chao said that these are "fun bonding events and we'll go out as a group or just sit around playing games

and have a good time." They really try to foster a close community since trust is an important quality to have between members and lab partners.

Both Chao and Poore explained how much they enjoy being a part of this organization. Poore said that his favorite part is sharing his passion for biology through in depth discussion with his peers. The fact that they are able to bond well and give back to the community through research is an important facet of being in the society.

Chao stated that she loves the chance to be working with so many individuals that are enthusiastic about the biological sciences and that there are so many opportunities with Tri Beta. It "creates opportunities for its members through research

grants and the chance to go to conferences," she said.

This organization is through nomination only so if you're interested in getting involved, the key is to be a passionate student and spend a great deal of time in the Biology Department. Chao said they look for people that, "go out of their way to get involved." She described a time where, early on, she did field research with Professor Sean Bignami and some upperclassmen. "They both nominated me after spending a few hours on a boat together." Poore mentioned that this society is also for those in the field that have hopes of going to graduate programs.

If students would like to express interest, they can contact Poore at poore@eagles.cui.edu, Professor Bignami or anyone else in the society.

Men's and women's swimming and diving shines at Biola Invitational

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On Sat., Jan. 18, the Concordia men's and women's swimming and diving teams participated in the Biola invitational swim meet held at the Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. The invitational featured eight women's teams and six men's teams. Despite some tough training leading into this meet, the Concordia Eagles still remained hungry for success.

Both the men and women had a strong showing. The women's team placed second overall and the men's team placed first overall. The Eagles had several individual first place finishes throughout the day, including a victory in the men's 100-yard breaststroke from junior Skyler Hojnacki.

"It was really cool to win the 100 breaststroke. I knew I had to get up and race since there was a lot of

competition. The breastrokers on the team have really been pushing each other in practice, so it was great to see our hard work pay off," said Hojnacki.

The women also had several individual wins throughout the day including sophomore Faith Silzel, who finished first in the women's 200-backstroke. "I'm really happy with the win since I've been waiting all season to feel good in that event. Throughout the race I felt strong and controlled which enabled me to pull through at the finish," said Silzel.

Senior Max Wickens participated in not only the swimming portion of the meet, but diving as well. Wickens began the meet as a part of the men's 400 medley relay which placed fifth overall. Wickens then had a strong showing in the diving competition posting personal best scores in the 1-meter and the 3-meter boards. "I am excited and thankful to be

able to compete as a swimmer and a diver. It is a lot of extra work but competing and wanting to get better with every swim and every dive makes it fun," said Wickens.

On the women's side, sophomore Kayla Newman also had an impressive showing on the diving side, placing fifth on the 1-meter and seventh in the 3-meter. "I was pretty happy with my dives, I would like to improve my confidence on the 3-meter but overall I was pretty happy with them," said Newman.

With the conference championships less than a month away, the Eagles still have plenty of work to do. Catch the men's and women's swim and dive teams as they compete in the PCSC Championships on Feb 12-15 at East LA College. For more information on upcoming meets, locations, and to keep up with all things swim and dive visit; cuieagles.com/sports/womens-swimming-and-diving/schedule.



PICTURED ABOVE:
Faith Silzel during Biola meet. Photo courtesy of Minh Dang.

Previewing 2020 men's lacrosse season

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The first home game for Concordia men's lacrosse team is this Saturday. Training hard and early since the fall, the Eagles seek to fulfill a successful season in 2020.

The Eagles will be playing seven of the top 20 teams in MCLA Division I. "I am excited about this season more than ever because we bring back key starters and add ons," said Jack Fisher, junior standout.

The Eagles graduated standout players including Logan Perry, MCLA team of the decade honors, Cade Christenson, defender, Brandon Mayo, second-team All-Conference and Sean Goodell, 16 goals and 15 assists for the 2019 season.

Returning for the Eagles is Jonah Rinaldi, a senior All-American. Rinaldi won player of the year honors of Division II in



PICTURED ABOVE:
Senior Jackson Lienhart during 2019 game against Claremont. Photo courtesy of cuieagles.com.

2017. He accumulated a total of 52 goals and 31 assists, totaling 83 points for the season. "I am fortunate to be back and grateful for the opportunity to represent Concordia and motivated to win a championship this year," said Rinaldi.

An X factor for the Eagles is the return of junior, Santiago

Dearmas, who suffered a season-ending ACL injury last year. Returning on the defensive end will allow the Eagles to compete at the highest level in the MCLA tournament. "After my injury, I was unsure how I would be able to compete but now I am as excited as I have ever been," said Dearmas.

Following the championship run in 2017 the Eagles moved onto Division I. Since the move, the Eagles have reached the postseason tournament both years. They lost in the first round to worthy opponents: Liberty in 2018 and Colorado in 2019.

"Since having won the tournament in 2017, I think that our team has leveled up in every aspect of our game and there is a bright future for us," said Andrew Blume, senior.

The Eagles begin their season with a game against UCLA, the only unranked team on their schedule. Last year, the Eagles defeated the Bruins by a score of 21-7.

"We are thrilled to begin the 2020 season with opponents that are ranked. This will allow us to find out how far we have come since the fall and give us reasons to keep improving," said assistant coach Dylan Miles. "Even though we are short-staffed we have the most potential than any team I

have coached in the past," said head coach Jesse Foss.

The Eagles are ranked twelfth in their division. Foss expects great things from his team, especially from All-American sophomore Tyler Collins.

"We have a great schedule that is going to test us this year but I cannot wait until our game against Chapman," said Collins. The Eagles loss to Chapman 14-9 in the 2019 season. "There seems to be a rivalry that is like no other for us; we are two great teams that will always compete until that last whistle blows. That is what makes Concordia lacrosse and Chapman lacrosse so great to be a part of," said Jacob Aho, senior and team captain.

Support your fellow Eagles at their game home game against UCLA on Feb. 1 at noon. The Eagles do not play an away game until April. Let's support them to have a successful season! The schedule can be found on cuieagles.com.

Women's water polo opens up at Cal Baptist tourney

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Women's water polo opened up their season this past weekend at the Lancer Joust Tournament hosted by Cal Baptist University. After taking two losses to USC and UCSD, the Eagles hope to turn it around as they enter another tournament hosted by the University of Redlands next weekend, Feb. 15-16.

The Eagles boast an experienced roster. There are six seniors and four juniors, so maturity is not an issue for this

team.

Jade Jette, senior from Gresham, Oregon looks forward to her last season. She said, "Our team right now is small but mighty. We have a really tough schedule this year but we are prepared to put up a strong fight against some of the best teams in the nation and get some great wins."

Jette is an exercise sports science major with an emphasis in pre-physical therapy. "I'm excited to work hard and grow as a team this year to end my career at Concordia with a fun and successful season."



PICTURED ABOVE: Senior Ramsie Haskell looks to pass during Cal Baptist tournament. Photo courtesy of Ray Graham.

Shannon Graham is another senior on the women's water polo team. She is also an exercise sports science major with an emphasis in pre-physical therapy. She described her team as "Hardworking with a good attitude." She noted that this good attitude is visible during their 6 a.m. practices.

"I'm looking forward to seeing this team come together with our new players and work together as one with some upcoming challenging games," said Graham.

The Eagles open up conference play on Sat., March 14 in Santa Clara against Santa

Clara University. The women's water polo team is a member of the Golden Coast Conference. Be sure to stay updated with all things women's water polo by visiting cuieagles.com.

Orange County sports suffers multiple losses in helicopter crash including Bryant, Altobelli

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Southern California was shocked Sunday following the news of a helicopter crash in Calabasas that took the lives of Laker legend Kobe Bryant and longtime Orange Coast College baseball coach John Altobelli as well as seven others, including Harbor Day School basketball coach Christina Mauser.

Both men also had daughters onboard, along with Altobelli's wife, Keri. All nine people on the flight traveling to Thousand Oaks died in the crash. The helicopter was traveling to the girls' travel basketball game in which Bryant was slated to coach.

Bryant, 41, was most recently in the news when Laker LeBron James passed Bryant for third-place on the All-Time Leading Scoring List while the Lakers played the 76ers in Philadelphia — Bryant's hometown.

In his 20 seasons with the Lakers, Bryant was a 18-time all-star, two-time Finals MVP, two-time Olympic gold medalist and five-time NBA Champion.

"Kobe was a chosen one -- special in many ways to many people. Our relationship as coach/player transcended the norm. He went beyond the veil," former Laker coach Phil Jackson said in

a statement. Jackson shared five championship titles in 11 seasons coaching Bryant.

The Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban released a statement reading, "Kobe's legacy transcends basketball, and our organization has decided that the number 24 will never again be worn by a Dallas Maverick."

Altobelli, 56, was entering his 28th season at OCC. He went 705-478-4 (.592) with four state-championship titles, his most recent coming last season.

Lovingly known to players simply as "Alto," he led his teams to eight trips to the State Final Four and seven

Orange Empire Conference championships, including three consecutive titles to close his illustrious coaching career.

Three weeks ago, he was honored as the 2019 Diamond National Coach of the Year by the Amateur Baseball Coaches Association.

In a press release, OCC's Athletic Director Jason Kehler said, "John meant so much to not only Orange Coast College, but to baseball. He truly personified what it means to be a baseball coach. The passion that he put into the game, but more importantly his athletes, was second to none."



Photo courtesy of usatoday.com.

picture with Bryant by saying he "made the world a better place [and] graciously helped us encourage kids fighting cancer to #NEGU."

A separate post honored Coach Alto with a series of pictures and the caption commended Altobelli for embracing the NEGU motto and shaping his baseball players to become better men on and off the field.

Concordia junior Philip Quartararo transferred from OCC's postseason rival Santa Barbara City College. He remembers Alto as a fierce competitor who expected perfection from his teams and leaves an impactful legacy to California community college baseball.

"I always noticed his connections to his players," Concordia senior pitcher Logan Mahaffy said. "He seemed like everyone looked up to him and impacted a lot of players' lives." Mahaffy played against Altobelli at OEC-rival Goldenwest before transferring to Concordia.

"Coach Alto lived and lead a great life for his family and players to follow. All of us at Concordia Baseball are saddened by his loss," Concordia head coach Joe Turgeon said.

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~Phil Jackson

"Coach Alto lived and lead a great life for his family and players to follow."
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NEWPORT RIB COMPANY EAGLE OF THE WEEK



Photo Courtesy of Troy Makela

**JASMINE
RACHAL**

AUSTIN RUIZ
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Concordia women's basketball player Jasmine Rachal traveled across the Pacific this past week, helping her team go 2-1

in Hawaii while putting up career numbers along the way.

The Newport Rib Company Eagle of the Week has scored a career-high 33 points in a win over the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She shot 75% from

behind the three point line and went 12-for-15 from the charity stripe.

This is the second time the Brea, Calif. native has scored over thirty points this year, with the other time coming on January 13 in a win over Fresno Pacific University.

Rachal's stellar performance on her team's three-game road trip helped the Eagles (11-6, 9-3 PacWest) maintain their pace in the race for the top seed in the conference.

Rachal scored 60 points and tallied up nine assists over the course of three games.

"This season has been filled with so much thrill and hard work," said Rachal. "It's honestly just been a pleasure playing alongside this amazing

group of women. I couldn't have accomplished any of this without them," she continued.

For the year, Rachal is averaging just over 18 points a game and leads the Eagles in that category.

Rachal is majoring in healthcare management and after her playing career is over she wants to become a hospital administrator.

Rachal enjoys coaching her little brother when she is not on the court herself.

The Eagles are back in action on homecoming weekend as they take on old GSAC-rival Point Loma Nazarene University tomorrow, Feb. 1 at 5:30 p.m. The game will be played at the CU Arena.

Ten date ideas to take that special someone on Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day is quickly approaching and many Concordia students are scrambling to find that perfect place to take their date. Here are some V-Day date ideas that are sure to make your love last all year round.

1) Del Sushi and a stay-in movie For all of the sushi lovers out there, here is a great way to provide some great food on your date, but at an affordable cost. Order some take out of your favorite rolls, turn a movie on, and enjoy a romantic and private date. Visit delsushi.com/uci/index.php.

2) Boomer's Mini Golf This is a fun activity that will keep the date interactive and playful. According to the Boomer's website mantra, "How long you play, how much you pay-- you decide, do it your way!" This is a

great way to save money and have fun. It will also allow you to 'help' your date's bad golf swing...you're welcome. Visit boomersparks.com/index.php/irvine.

3) A picnic at the beach Irvine is close to tons of beaches: Newport, Laguna, Huntington...to name a few. Take your significant other to a secluded spot, pack some lunches and bring a speaker to set the mood. After the picnic, take your date for a romantic walk around the pier.

4) Dollar store candy and a movie Movies have gotten crazy expensive over the years, but if there is a really good movie that would be perfect date material, buy your tickets and then spend your money elsewhere to try and salvage your wallet. Go to a dollar store and stock up on junk food with

your date before the movie; it will create great memories and lots of laughs.

5) A college-dorm cooked meal It is like a home-

cooked meal, but for students. Invite your date to the dorm and cook them a nice meal. It is a thoughtful gesture and will make for great conversation. Visit thedailymeal.com/cook/25-essential-dorm-room-cooking-hacks-slideshow.

6) The Zoo This is a classic and perfect way to spend a relaxing day with your partner looking at cute baby animals. According to

the Santa Ana Zoo website, general admission is only \$12. Who would not love this date? Visit santaanazoo.org.

7) Roller skating Ice skating is a thing of the past, take you date to a swingin' roller rink here in Irvine and enjoy. According to the Holiday Skate Center's website, general skate is \$8.50 and renting out your skates is an extra \$5.00. Go for some After's ice cream when the session finishes to keep the date going. Visit holidayskate.com.

8) Hike and a brunch If you are looking to keep it casual, go for a nice morning hike and take your date to brunch. Irvine Weekly's website article has a list of challenging and scenic hikes here in Irvine. Bring a hammock and enjoy the view from the top. Visit irvineweekly.com/hike-irvine-top-10-trails/.

9) Romantic car date Drive to a spot with a gorgeous view, turn up the tunes and enjoy a meal in your private dining room with a view. Check out "Best Scenic Views Orange County" on Yelp for inspiration.

10) Be creative You know your significant other better than anyone else. Find out what they love to do and take them to that place for Valentine's Day. Bring some classic flowers and chocolates from See's Candies, and have a fantastic date tailored to what you two love to do.



Four must visit beaches

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With the weather beginning to warm up, students are excited to start hitting the beach again. With an abundance of beaches close to campus, it can often be hard to pick a beach. Luckily, many students have ventured off to find the best beaches nearby.

Pirate's Cove Beach

Morgan Schepker, a junior and psychology major, recently discovered Pirate's Cove Beach while out with her friends. "I have been here for three years now and have never seen a beach this cool before. I wish I would have found Pirate's Cove earlier, we all loved it," said Schepker. Schepker believed the ambiance at Pirate's Cove set it apart from other beaches, "it wasn't super crowded, which was nice. The ocean was really clear, there was a cute little tower, and a neat cove, overall, it was just a peaceful place to explore." For more information on Pirate's Cove Beach check out yelp.com/biz/pirates-cove-beach-newport-beach.



PICTURE ABOVE: Left to Right: Dion Chung, Alexis Rios, Caitlyn Rowland, Tamia Prince, Malia Avila, and Ryann Beveridge at Crescent Bay Beach for track and field team pictures. Photo courtesy of Alexis Rios.

Newport Beach, 48th Street

Samantha Gomez, a sophomore originally from Irvine, loves going to the beach. "Growing up in Irvine, I have had so much time to explore all the beaches. My favorite beach is Newport Beach, specifically 48th Street," said Gomez. Gomez believes that 48th Street Beach is the best because it is lowkey. "I

love it because it never gets too crowded, and it's also really close to Chronic Tacos." For more information on Newport Beach check out yelp.com/biz/newport-beach-newport-beach-5.

Laguna Beach

Madison Hergert, a junior from Newberg, Oregon, loves Laguna Beach. "I think Laguna Beach is the best because of the breathtaking views, especially

at sunset, it is unbeatable. Aside from the beach itself with the piercing blue water, the surrounding landscape is also very beautiful," said Hergert. Dominic Evans, a sophomore from Corona, agreed. "To me, Laguna is the number one beach because it has amazing scenery, clear blue water, and soft sand. If you're going to be sitting at a beach, you want to make sure the sand is soft and comfortable. Laguna's sand

is for sure the softest," said Evans. For more information on Laguna Beach check out yelp.com/biz/laguna-beach-laguna-beach.

Crescent Bay Beach

Ryann Beveridge, a sophomore on the track and field team from Laguna Niguel, also enjoys Laguna Beach, but her favorite is Crescent Bay Beach. "Crescent Bay is just stunning. I love going there, and we even got to take our team pictures there this year, which was awesome," said Beveridge. However, Beveridge recommends going to Crescent Bay during the week to avoid the crowd. "Since Crescent Bay is so beautiful, it can often attract a lot of tourists on the weekends, but if you go during the week, it's pretty empty," said Beveridge. For more information on Crescent Bay Beach check out yelp.com/biz/crescent-bay-beach-laguna-beach.

Finally, some answers about the census!

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The 2020 Census starts this April 1. Are you ready for it? Here are some common questions and answers to help you fully understand the census and why you should participate in it.

Q: Why does Concordia endorse the census?

A: "Like other colleges and universities around the country, Concordia is participating in the 2020 Census because it's vital." Lizz Mishreki, Concordia's Director of Public Relations, said. "An accurate census count ensures that there's equitable federal funding for our region. If our state is to have the right number of roads and bridges built, schools, hospitals, parks, first responders and more, we

need an accurate count. Every country in the world does a census."

Q: Is it safe for undocumented people to participate in?

A: Completely! The 2020 Census is not an agenda to identify those who are undocumented. All responses are protected and will only be used for the census. According to the 2020 Census guide, "Federal law protects your responses. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics and cannot be used against you by any government agency or court."

These statistics are important too. Through this better federal funding can be given to communities as well as seats that a state has in Congress. Make sure to fill out the census to be better accounted for and represented.

Q: Do I fill it out for myself or my whole family?

A: The census will ask you questions dependent on where you live. If you live in the same house as your family, fill it out for your whole family. If you live in the dorms, fill it out for your dorm room. You can fill out the census for your living situation through the phone, online or through a paper form.

Q: I live in the dorms during school but out of state during the summers, how should I document where I live?

A: Mishreki approaches this question with an analogy to better understand this concept. "Think of the U.S. Census as a snapshot. A picture taken at a certain time. In this case, it's between April 1-May 31-- the duration of the census. It's a snapshot of Concordia during

that time -- of the people living in the dorms at that time. It's like a group of your friends taking a picture. If someone in the photo leaves the room for a moment, they still count because they were in that room when the photo was taken. The census is the same." Therefore, it is important that you communicate with who you live with in the summer or when school is out of session so that you are not counted twice.

Q: Where can I go to ask more questions?

A: Mishreki summarized this simply. "The census is 10 questions, in 10 minutes, every 10 years. And for the first time, it's online! You can do it

on your phone. And everyone counts -- from citizens, to residents, to DACA students, to a relative staying with you during this time. All responses are kept confidential, too. To get the facts--dates, why your answers matter, census takers in your neighborhood, etc.--visit www.2020census.gov." The census experience can also be applied in the classroom. "Faculty who want to learn how they can include census bureau statistics and data as part of their math, history, geography, political thought, and sociology curriculum and classes can also visit that link for ideas," Mishreki encouraged.

Students, local community celebrates Lunar New Year

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Lunar New Year, officially celebrated from Jan. 25 to Feb. 4, is recognized by citizens from around the world. Fashion Island in Newport Beach celebrated the Chinese festival with an interactive installation and promotions in participating stores.

The annual celebration kicks-off the start of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. In mainland China, the tradition is commonly called Spring Festival. The first day of Chinese New Year begins on a new moon between the times of Jan. 21 and Feb. 20. A Lantern Festival is held after the festivities on Feb. 8.

In 2020, the first day begins on Sat. Jan. 25, initiating the Year of the Rat. Each year symbolizes a new zodiac animal and the rat happens to be the very first of them all. In Chinese culture, the rat is seen as a sign of intelligence, surplus and wealth. According to myth, the order of the zodiac animals would be determined by the order they arrived at the Jade Emperor's party. The rat tricked the Ox into giving him a ride, and at the finish, jumped down to become the first of the line.

Freshman Chloe Martinez MaJonfe shared her own family traditions for the festival. She said, "We generally go out to lunch or dinner. There is a banquet that

lasts several weeks." "We watch the lion and dragon dances. During the lion dance, the lion eats lettuce as a symbol of good luck. Inside the lettuce is a red envelope that holds money," MaJonfe added. Continuing this tradition, MaJonfe and the other kids of the family would receive red envelopes from her grandfather.

Emily Myers is a freshman involved in Delta Sigma Pi. She grew up in China and in other Southeast Asian countries that celebrate Lunar New Year. She has had first-hand experience with the culture of China, especially around this celebration. "Everyone gets really excited and looks forward to the holiday like we do for Christmas in America. I would always wake up early on the morning of Chinese New Year because people would pop firecrackers all morning. The city is covered in decorations like lanterns, flowers and posters," Myers said. It is a huge time for celebration in China and everyone participates on the festivities. Myers continued, "There were always parties to go to with friends, filled with good food. It's a holiday that unites everyone and brings joy to many."

If you would like to get involved locally with the Lunar New Year, the Fashion Island shopping center offers guests a photo opportunity in their installation on the Atrium Lawn. It features mirrored accents with bright lights and red lanterns overhead

to complete the Instagram-worthy moment. Participating stores are in on the action by offering exclusive deals and free gifts throughout the promotion, from Jan. 25 through Feb. 8. To make the most of your shopping trip, visit FashionIsland.com and for more information on Chinese New Year visit chinesenewyear.net.

PHOTO BELOW : Adyson Casteel at the Fashion Island installation. Photo courtesy of Jayce Baclawski.



New 'Magic' happening at Disneyland soon!

Photo courtesy of



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On Feb. 28, Disneyland will debut a brand new parade titled, 'Magic Happens.' The parade will be a daytime spectacular and occur on the Disneyland side of the resort. It is magical because Disneyland has not debuted a new parade in almost a decade!

The parade will, of course, have Mickey Mouse as its leader but will also include beloved characters from 'Frozen,' 'Moana,' 'Coco,' and more. The most anticipated new float is the 'Frozen 2' float since that is Disney's latest movie and will hold new characters as well as the original characters such as Anna, Elsa, Olaf and Kristoff. This parade will be magical since it combines old Disney favorites with new ones, while they will include the newer characters, they will also have classics like 'Cinderella,' 'Sleeping Beauty,' 'Tinker Bell' and more!

The parade promises tons of upbeat music and new costumes that will have Disney goers up on their feet, dancing and singing as the brand new floats go by with the characters. The updated music is inspired by modern-day pop music, so Disney fans can expect to hear their favorite Disney songs with a modern twist.

Annual pass holder, and senior, Rosemary Hernandez, goes to Disneyland frequently and is excited about the new

parade debuting next month. "I love watching the parades at Disneyland, and it has been so many years since they have changed it, so I am excited to go with my mom after the debut and see how they have updated the music and floats," stated Hernandez.

Fellow pass holder, and senior, Jessica Brooks, also goes to Disneyland often with her friends and family, "I rarely stop to watch the parades when I go to Disneyland but that is mostly because it is always the same. I am looking forward to the brand new parade and will definitely stop to watch it the next time I am in the park," said Brooks.

The parade debuts at the start of Concordia's spring break, so if students have not made plans for the week-long break, Disneyland is a great option!

The park is offering limited-time special Southern California resident tickets until May 21. Disney goers can purchase a 3-day, 1-park per day pass for \$200, which comes out to only \$67 per day! So go check out the new parade over spring break! For more information on purchasing tickets for Disneyland, please visit disneyland.disney.go.com/tickets/?rate=all-guests.

For more information on the 'Magic Happens' parade, please visit disneyland.disney.go.com/whats-new-coming-soon/.