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Grooving with Grove

A Q&A with new Assistant Provost, Doug Grove



Concordia welcomes Doug Grove, a new faculty member serving as the Assistant Provost of Adult Graduate and Online Learning.

Sarina Grant: What is your position?

Doug Grove: My official title is Assistant Provost of Adult Graduate Online Learning. The strategic plan for the university is looking at

growing in both adult and graduate programs, specifically some of the hybrid, on campus and online formats.

SG: What are your upcoming plans?

DG: I've been really fortunate to have some amazing people on my team. Currently, we've been working with the deans in some of the programs to try and perfect the basic learning management programs, like Blackboard. How do we make it similar, how do we make it feel the same for all students across programs? In the future we'll be taking some of the existing hybrid offerings and making them exclusively online offerings, starting with the Bachelors of Business Administration and Leadership (BAL), and the AA program for the adult learners. That should be coming out in February.

SG: Where did you work before coming to Concordia?

DG: I was at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa (by the fair grounds.) I was there for 8 years working as a faculty member in the School of Education and then the Director of the Graduate Program in Education. I also served for a while as the Executive Director of the School for Professional Studies.

SG: What made you want to make the switch to CUI?

DG: I'm a graduate of Concordia. I got my undergraduate here in '94 and got my teaching credential here after that. I also played on the Basketball team. Concordia is where I met my wife - we got married in the CU Center almost 20 years ago. I'm very connected to Concordia, this is very much a homecoming for me. The opportunity to come here and help work with the administration and the faculty on adult graduate online learning is a really good fit, I feel that the Lord has called me to be here.

SG: What are your hobbies and interests?

DG: I've got two kids, a son that's 18 and a daughter that's 16. I love to surf and I love to play beach volleyball. My hobbies revolve around my kids. My son and I surf together and my daughter and I play beach volleyball together. That's what I do for exercise, but I go to the gym as much as possible. My hobbies would include anything that involves sun, the sand and the surf.

Thanks Dr. Grove! We look forward to seeing the changes you'll make to our campus!

Concordia adds doctoral degree, Ed. D

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This January, Concordia will be adding its very own Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) program. This is a monumental step as it continues to broaden its student enrollment from the traditional undergraduate to graduate levels. The new Ed. D. program will center its focus on Educational Leadership. According to Concordia's website, students will take approximately 33 to 36 months to complete the degree. Like most classes, the Ed. D. program will fulfill its goal of maintaining small class sizes while allowing students easy access to communication with their professors.

"I am looking forward to seeing our first [Ed. D.] group of doctoral students," said Dr. Mary Scott, Provost and Executive Vice President. Scott oversees all university affairs and is excited that the graduate program is branching out in this direction. Having a doctorate in education herself, Scott knows the unique value of this particular kind of high level degree.

When asked about what kind of people this doctorate in education program will attract, Scott said that these degrees are pursued most often by those looking to obtain active leadership positions like high school administrators, school district superintendents, and university faculty. Scott noted that those who obtain an Ed. D. are often those who are specifically interested in leadership and working actively with people.

Genna Bowen, sophomore, said, "I've always known that I want to be a teacher, but now that Concordia is offering a doctorate in education program, it's definitely something I will consider later down the road." The new Ed. D.

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program will attract interest from many people with the intent of furthering their educational careers.

Earning an Ed. D. is definitely not for the weak student. The admissions selection process is very rigorous and mandates prerequisites such as having a master's degree along with maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average. "The Ed. D. program will be competitively priced with other institutions of higher education offering similar programs," Scott said. The total cost of the degree per student for the program will be around \$45,000.

"Concordia University has a strong faculty of educators who are faithful to the university's mission to empower students. . . for lives of learning, service, and leadership," read a statement posted on the Concordia graduate admissions website. Faculty members have invested a lot of time and energy in ensuring that this doctorate of education program will be one of extreme success and value to its students. For more information visit Concordia's website or talk to staff members in the graduate admissions department.

Physics Major makes breakthrough

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This semester, the Physics major embarks on its four-year rolling-out process. The development of the major has been very systematic and dependent on the other science and mathematics departments. Now, much to the delight of professors and students on campus, the physical sciences and mathematics have a complementary department.

"The Physics major has been in my mind ever since I applied to work here 12 years ago," said Dr. John Kenney, III, Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Physics, Director of Chemical Physics Laboratory, and Chair of the Departments of Chemistry and Physics/Astronomy. In order to introduce a Physics department, the Mathematics, Biology, and Chemistry majors had to be very strong and well-established. When Kenney arrived, the Math and Biology majors were already flourishing, and there existed a strong Chemistry minor. But, his first step in the physical sciences was to establish the Chemistry major, which occurred in 2003.

"Now that Chemistry is a thriving major, with students at all levels of the curriculum, and graduates doing wonderful things, the time was really right to move to adding the Physics major," said Kenney. "For about five years, we've been working to lay the groundwork for that major."

Kenney's groundwork included studying the physics majors of other small, private Christian universities to determine what should happen in curriculum. The last year and a half has been spent drawing together research, analyzing how it would interlay with the existing Biology and Chemistry majors, and finally, writing the formal proposal for the major.

"Adding another dimension to the science/theology component was a particular interest to us with physics. We have already been doing wonderful things in biology and chemistry along those lines for some time," said Kenney.

"But physics adds such an incredible dimension to that whole science and faith interaction. That was a very exciting and unique aspect of the major that we wanted to explore."

This year, Concordia will begin spreading the word about the opportunities available because of the new major. "As it turns out, 21st century medicine is being driven to a very significant extent by developments in modern physics, like lasers and magnetic resonance imaging," said Kenney. "There are a lot of job opportunities and possibilities using advanced knowledge of physics to treat cancer, to image things, to do neurophysiology, to help people see who are blind, and hear who are deaf. So much of that cutting-edge research and new therapeutic technologies comes from knowledge of physics."

Among the classes currently being offered for the Physics major are Honors Astronomy and Calculus-Based Physics; Grace Chong, junior, commented that Dr. Kenney considers the latter class to be a "physics class on steroids."

This school year, the science department will also host a seminar featuring internationally-

distinguished physics speakers. World-famous gamma-ray astronomer Dr. Pierre V. Sokolsky, Dean of the College of Science at the University of Utah, will be speaking in DeNault Auditorium on Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.

For those looking to take the Calculus-Based Physics class, Chong and Stephanie Miller, junior, both recommend having some background in calculus. "Have an open mind going into the course, don't be afraid to ask questions...but really, just go in and don't be afraid of physics," said Miller. "It's a lot of math, but with the calculus-based class, you get to do a lot of real-life application, and then the understanding of the material is greater." Along with learning the content, the class will be going on field trips to relevant places; for example, students will visit the USS Iowa in Los Angeles to observe the trajectory of projectiles launched from the ship.

"Since Dr. Kenney is just a fantastic professor, it makes it a lot easier learning physics," said Miller. "With the new physics major, having this department is going to significantly help the science majors."



You who bring good news to Jerusalem lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid. Isaiah 40:9

The Bear Necessities with Bear and Zocks GMOs: Friends or Foes?

Drink the Kool-Aid, GMOs are here to stay

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In February, the Institute for Responsible Technology published an article stating basic reasons why GMOs are unhealthy because of mutations and other quack scientific claims. The truth is, every scientific study that has actually looked at the human results of consuming genetically modified organisms has found them safe for human consumption. In this article, I hope to calm the hippie hearts and prove that Golden Rice is not only a good thing, but the inevitable future of food.

Did you know that 2013 will be a year of mass starvation because of failing harvests in the United States and the Ukraine? Our grain storehouses are at their lowest level since 1974 and will be consumed within the next year. The US Drought Monitor shows that 88 percent of corn is grown in drought-stricken regions, meaning that we are creating droughts in order

to simply feed our population for the next year.

Enter the GMO protester. Yes, we've all heard about the study where a rat was fed pesticide-resistant corn and died of mammary tumors. The "independent research firm" that published the study was shamed by six French academic studies that proved it wrong, combined with the European Food Safety Agency admonishing it for publishing such a poor quality study. In fact, a European Commission review of over 50 studies found *zero* cases where humans were adversely affected by GMOs. Sadly, Kenya outlawed imports of GMOs based on the study, despite the fact that 4 million Kenyans starve to death annually.

But, the herbicides! How do we avoid the herbicides? Go for GMOs. A US Department of Agriculture report found that the use of GMOs allowed farmers to replace the poisonous and acidic Roundup pesticide with Glyphosate, a compound that breaks down organically after a few months (aka, before it reaches your store shelves). The National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy found that GMO crops reduced the amount of Roundup usage by 64 million pounds!

Okay, but how do we know that GMOs will

truly be able to increase yields and stop food prices from increasing? GMOs are really handy because they simply use sunlight more efficiently. Instead of weeds using up sunbeams and insects mooching off their photosynthesis, bug-resistant corn and grains are immune to weeds and diseases that can wipe out crops by the acre (like what is currently happening in Honduras). Additionally, they use less water. As current residents of Southern California, we know a lot about the water crisis facing the United States. Globally, however, the situation is much more dire. In China, expanses of desert pervade what used to be wheat fields that fed over 1/3 of its population. 130 million people are being fed by creating a drought. China has begun to buy land in Africa because its water table is collapsing in on itself, which means they are not only risking the starvation of their own people, but the country is pushing Africans off their land and into refugee camps rife with Cholera and disease.

Is Monsanto an evil company? Yes. Is it unethical to patent a seed then sue a poor farmer because of cross pollination? Absolutely, yes. Is it necessary to campaign against and shut down a source of food that could be going to 4 million starving Kenyans? No, probably not.

Sinister Synthetics: The case against GMO's

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Given the stark reality that over a billion individuals across the globe go to bed every night on an empty stomach, addressing the global food crisis will be a critical issue for our century. However, putting our faith in genetically modified organisms to solve global hunger is not the solution. It is my contention that, overall, GMOs do more harm than good. There are more proximal things we can do to conserve that do not cause suicides or the displacement of millions.

GMOs are inherently dealing in risky territory as the industry is still very young--we

should consider less volatile alternatives. According to Tasha Eichenseher in a 2012 National Geographic article about water supplies, "Water losses through food waste occur at home, but they also happen through inefficient food harvesting, transport, distribution, processing, and storage methods." Reforming these distribution networks could likely cut a large percentage of what we are currently wasting, decreasing the need for synthetically grown foods.

Aside from these more preferable reforms, GMOs have been at the heart of a wave of legal corruption culminating in the suicides of hundreds of thousands of Indian farmers. An April 2013 article from the Global Research Centre for Research on Globalization isolates the case of Monsanto entering into the Indian seed sector, beginning with the 1988 Seed Policy imposed by the World Bank. This locked Indian companies into unprofitable joint-ventures/arrangements; common resource seeds became

Monsanto's "intellectual property," allowing the company to charge farmers royalties. This then caused open-pollinated cotton seeds to be displaced by GMO hybrids. Cycles of debt, dependence and structural poverty ensued. Alarmingly, since 1995, over 250,000 Indian farmers have committed suicide. The Center for Human Rights and Global Justice has deemed it the largest wave of suicides in recorded history. Aside from the high number of suicides, an even larger number are robbed of the chance at achieving economic self-determination. Hardly the solution to an already dire crisis.

Because time and effort are often zero-sum, it is important to focus our efforts towards ventures that meet current demands, but also ensure long-term sustainability, and systems that prioritize equitable resource-distribution over profits. Unfortunately, on the whole, GMOs have not qualified themselves to be such an effort.

Letter from a Leader:

ASCUI President,
Jamie Rivera

Hello from ASCUI!

My name is Jamie Rivera and I am the 2013-2014 ASCUI President. I am very blessed to have the opportunity to serve the student body this year.

I would like to introduce you to the ASCUI team: Christine Gonzalez, senior, serving as Vice President; Scott Esswein, sophomore, serving as Treasurer; Kathleen Ann Sagun, senior, serving as Secretary; Melissa Wilson, senior, serving as Communications Director.

Our team chose the theme, **Create and Impact**, as well as the verse for the year, 1 Timothy 4:10,12: "For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the savior of all people, especially of those who believe...Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." It is our hope that each individual strives to live his or her life through Christ, positively impacting and influencing each individual whom he or she comes in contact.

We have started our year with this theme and verse in our hearts and minds. On Sept. 6, the student body partook in Senate elections and elected 12 new Senators into ASCUI. The Executive Board is excited to begin working with these eager and dedicated Senators this year, by delving into the feedback and concerns from the student body. Stop by the Student Union 202 classroom every Wednesday at 10:30 am to see what ASCUI Senate is working on.

Currently, ASCUI is addressing the issue of parking and working on communicating the master plan to the student body.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that construction has begun on the Eagle Lounge, which will be located in the Student Union, replacing Eagle Rock. This lounge, which is brought to you by ASCUI and University Services, will be open for commuters and residents alike. The lounge will be equipped with a study area, televisions and a refrigerator. Be on the lookout for a grand opening event this fall, which will be brought to you by ASCUI and LEAD's Commuter Outreach!

ASCUI is proud to be working alongside all leadership groups this year: abbeywest, LEAD, PALs, Peer Health Educators and RES. All leadership groups have adopted the aforementioned theme for the year, and are living out the verse and theme in their events and work. Further, each group has been extensively programming events, which will come up in the near future! Be sure to check out the student events calendar to follow up with all events that will be taking place both on and off campus!

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Stick it to the man

Meet the newest Concordia team: Women’s Lacrosse

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The women’s lacrosse team has become the most recent addition to Concordia’s sports program. They aim to be serious competitors for thier inaugural season.

The program was started by long-time lacrosse player Brittani Nagy, current senior and team captain. Having played three years of lacrosse at Trabuco Hills High School, Nagy pushed for the university to form a women’s team since her freshman year.

“There was a guy’s club team initially, so I’ve been working with the coach to get a women’s team started because I wanted to keep playing,” said Nagy. “I also like the fact that our university is Christian, so we can play for the glory of God, despite whether we win or lose.”

Along with the desire of winning a championship, the women’s team hopes to reach out to the females both on and off campus. “I hope it gives them another sport they would want to play, and to just see what it’s like,” said Nagy.

Nagy and her team hope the newly added club will attract high school female seniors who are interested in playing lacrosse to attend Concordia.

For the past six years, the Concordia men’s team has done very well under Head Coach, Will McMinn. The six year head coach is no stranger to winning; he has brought the best out of his players. The men’s team has improved nearly every year since their 1-8 record in their 2009 inaugural season. McMinn’s familiarity with the campus and the school’s lacrosse program

made him an easy choice for the head coach position of the newly added women’s team.

“McMinn is one of the best coaches I have had the pleasure of meeting,” said Casey Clegg, senior and former Concordia lacrosse player. “I think of a better person to get this program off the ground.”

Clegg added that McMinn, along with making the girls better athletes, will (more importantly) be fulfilling the school’s mission: making them wise, honorable, and cultivated citizens.

Although the players do not have the experience of playing lacrosse at a college level just yet, the girls are optimistic that they will have an exciting season and hope to gain the most out of it.

“I can’t wait to see how our team is,” said Jessie Papageorges, sophomore lacrosse player, “I know our team will be looked at as newer, younger with zero expectations, yet I believe we will surprise a lot of people by how strong our team is emotionally and physically.”

“All of the girls have an athletic background,” said Kayla McAfee, freshman lacrosse player. “We all are constantly encouraging each other on and off the field to give 100 percent.”

Aside from no contact involved, and a few rule changes, women’s lacrosse is closely related to men’s. With their first game away against Biola in October, the girls hope to have the support of their fellow classmates.

Johnson succeeds as Women’s V-ball head coach

BROOKE SPRINGER
STAFF WRITER

Trevor Johnson, new Head Coach of Women’s Volleyball, is excited and looking forward to maintaining his successful coaching record during this upcoming season. Johnson previously coached the Men’s Volleyball team to win their first National Championship and assisted the Women’s team to win their championship last season. Due to his success, he earned the title of NAIA Coach of the Year.

So far this season, the Women’s team is undefeated going 8-0 to start the season incredibly strong.

Johnson looks forward to growing as a coach in upcoming years, as this is his first year advancing from the assistant position. “Being a coach is still a learning process for me,” said Johnson. “I’m trying to be the best coach I can be.”

The coach is grateful for his success in previous seasons and is focused on continuing that legacy. “God has blessed us the last couple of years,” said Johnson. “If I’m just worried about the wins and losses, I’m missing the big picture.”

Johnson works to make his team feel like they are a family. “We are trying to make sure that we are invested in other people’s lives. I want them to have the greatest volleyball experience ever,” said Johnson.

The Eagles echo his effort and emphasize the closeness of the team. “My parents told me that college is where you meet your lifelong friends, and I found them on this team,” said Taylor Dennison, freshman.

Although the team has lost valuable players such as Brooke Marino and Fei Gao, ’13, the

team has gained eight strong freshmen who are coming in with a strong positive outlook on this season.

Dennison is excited to be filling the shoes of the former “All-American Marino” and is prepared for the upcoming season. Marino left Dennison with exciting words: “Go out there and put everything you have on the court every single game; go out and just live it up.”

Johnson is not just a volleyball coach, he is a father of an 8-month old daughter who has provided him with inspiration for the season. “After four months my daughter would just cry

“She was just so relentless. That’s how we need to be this year.”

Coach Johnson

and cry, she wouldn’t stop until someone got her attention,” said Johnson. “She was just so relentless. That’s how we need to be this year and we can’t be compliant.”

Come out and support the Lady Eagles in their next home game against Westmont College, Tues. Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.



X-country practices to win

PATRICK SONSTENG
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The Men’s and Women’s cross country teams recently started their seasons and training with a leg up from last year. The fifteen men and seventeen women started off their season at the 2013 Mark Covert Classic hosted by CSU Fullerton. The women put on an impressive performance with a 5th place overall finish, followed by the men who placed 9th.

In preparation for the GSAC Championship held in Costa Mesa, CA and the NAIA National Championships held in Lawrence, KS, both teams have increased their speed immensely from last season through intensive training.

The team’s times have also improved tremendously from previous years. The results have been made possible by Jim Brewer, Head Coach who is now entering his third season as Concordia’s Cross Country and Track & Field coach. Brewer is accompanied by his three assistant coaches: Mark Sellers (assistant coach for 3 years), Rachel Brewer (3 years), and Al Berin (2 years).

Since the improvements in the runners’ performance, Brewer has required 8 or 9 practices a week, which are adjusted accordingly to ensure top performance from every athlete. The practices have been formulated with the intention to

earn success throughout the rest of the season.

Both the men and women have adopted extremely structured practice workouts. “We train very rigorously. We have two-a-day practices every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 6 am and then again at 3 pm,” said Mindy Bigenho, junior. “Aside from those days we have practice every day at 3 pm. Our more difficult workouts are usually in the morning which consist of interval or speed workouts.”

This year the Eagles’ top rivals are expected to be Biola, Vanguard, Master’s College, and Westmont. However, the team plans to continue their efforts until they reach their goals of becoming conference champions. “I don’t have a prediction for nationals yet. We’re focused on conference first,” said John Purcell, senior. “And there is plenty of local competition.”

Because the team’s conference championships take place locally, they are hopeful that supportive spectators and students will cheer them on. “My favorite part about being a part of the team is sharing support and spending time with my fellow Eagles,” said Purcell.

The Cross Country teams will compete in four more meets before conference championships. Both teams will continue their race to the conference championship as they participate in the UC Riverside Invitational on Sat., Sept. 14 at 8 a.m.



Jessica Marquardt, Ashley Bell, Cassandra Lew, Mindy Bigenho, Jasmine Barron, and Kailey Cumming pose at the first cross country meet of the season.

Women’s Soccer bound for success

WILLIAM RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

The women’s soccer team is currently undefeated. The team recently returned from a trip to Kansas where they went 1-0-1, improving their record to 2-0-2.

Although last season was disappointing for the Eagles, who ended the season with a split record, the team will not be discouraged this season. “Last year we lacked a lot of communication on and off the field. So, coming into this year we made it essential to work on it,” said Arianna Vaughn, junior.

Holly Gamester, senior, believes in the team’s current mindset both on and off the field. “I think the girls are coming in this year a lot hungrier for success. We are a lot tighter as a group and we work for each other.”

The team believes the issues that affected the team last season have been addressed. “We were able to do a high ropes course at the University of California, Irvine. I felt this team bonding brought us together as a family,” said Vaughn. “It forced us to use each other for help. By using each other for support we were able to get through it as a team and it was one of my best

experiences and I’ve never felt so connected to my team.”

The rest of the team, including newcomers, also have high expectations for this year. “Coming into this year, I was nervous because I didn’t know what to expect but excited to start a new chapter,” said Lizette Luna, freshman. “I knew they didn’t have a very good season last year. So, coming in, I wanted to be an asset to the team.”

In order to reach their goals, the team knows what they need to do on the field. “We need to work hard and really compete at practice to get the best out of each other,” said Gamester. She also emphasized the importance of embracing each game of the season. “All the hard work is worth it and these are going to be some of the best memories and best relationships we make, so we need to get out of it as much as we can.”

The Eagles have an exciting season to look forward to and, if their current record is any indication of what the rest of the year will look like, they will have a successful year ahead of them. The team urges students and faculty to get out and support them. Their next home game will be Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. against Arizona Christian.

Making History: Eleanor Pettus joins faculty

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This year, the staff of Concordia gained another quality educator: Professor Eleanor Pettus. Already, she has become an integral member of the History faculty and the CUI Bono Society. She currently teaches several classes of Core History 201 and serves as the Faculty in

Residence for the CUI Bono Living-Learning community.

This is not the first time Pettus has encountered Core Curriculum. At Hillsdale College, where she received her Bachelor's degree in the Classics (Greek and Latin) and History, they also had the core "that unites everyone and emphasizes the liberal arts," said Pettus. After her

time at Hillsdale, Pettus went to the University of Kansas where she earned her master's degree. The three fields she studied were Roman literature, early-modern history, and English religious history. After this, she was offered funding to continue her research at Notre Dame for her Ph.D..

Although her original plan was to teach high school (where she only needed a master's degree), she could not turn down this opportunity to continue researching what she loved as she earned her Ph.D. "I work on how the English reformation transformed education," said Pettus. "I believed that the debates that came out of the renaissance define a lot of the issues we have today." In studying this period of massive change, she was taken back to some of the bigger questions, including 'what is education good for?'; that were looked at from a distinctly Christian perspective during this time. Most likely, she will finish her dissertation this year, at which point she will become Dr. Pettus.

While still studying at Notre Dame, Pettus' name was given to someone in the history department who contacted her about filling a teaching position at Concordia. Since she was still not completely finished with her education, Pettus thought she didn't have a chance, but applied anyway. She said, "With all of my friends spending years after they finished their degrees applying for jobs, I considered the idea that I would land one while still ABD [all but dissertation] laughable." Nonetheless, they flew her out for an interview. "I loved their approach to teaching history," said Pettus, while describing her experience with the history department when she visited. The professors were "very enthusiastic about the students and community."

Professor Van Voorhis told her a lot about the CUI Bono society during the interview, another thing that drew her to Concordia since it works to bring students and faculty together in a meaningful way.

"It was by the grace of God that they worked with me," said Pettus. The department kept her name and by December of 2012 she had a contract.

Another thing that made Concordia such a good fit for Pettus was its proximity to her hometown, Santa Barbara, where her parents still live. She grew up there with her two brothers. One is in the Marine Corps, and the other is pursuing his Ph.D. in Physics.

"I'm passionate about Concordia as a Lutheran institution and exploring what that means in the Liberal Arts," said Pettus. "It was just a fantastic opportunity," said Pettus of being the faculty in residence of the CUI Bono Society, "I'm excited to be a part of it." She is already planning to take students to a conference at Notre Dame in October that had great influence on her life, so much so that she wants to share it with as many students as possible. Although only six can go this year, she hopes that as interest is shown more will be able to attend in the coming years.

Many students have gotten to know Pettus since she arrived. "When she walked in, I could tell she was a wealth of knowledge!" said April Hall, sophomore.

Pettus said, "[The students] sought me out." Through the intentional relationships Pettus is developing with the students at Concordia, she is making an impact in the lives of young people as they grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally while under her instruction.



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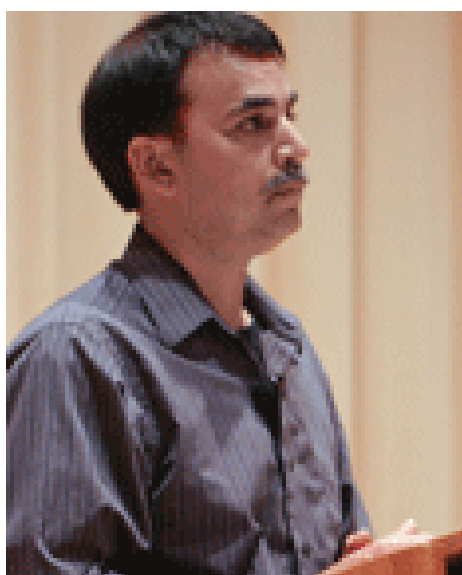
TAYLOR BUNDY

Visiting Fellow Molaresh to educate Concordians

GARRISON DE VINE
STAFF WRITER

Anil Singh-Molaresh, member of the Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program, will be coming to Concordia in late September to give several talks about a variety of subjects. The Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows program is offered through the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), and is aimed at bringing non-academic speakers to college campuses to share their life experiences with students.

According to Singh-Molaresh's biography on the CIC web site, he was born in Holland but raised in Europe and America, and is fluent in three languages. He worked for Microsoft where he managed a foreign language team, rising through the ranks of Microsoft to oversee all international vendor relations for the company.



During his time with Microsoft, he saw many of his coworkers become wealthy and successful and how it affected them, which became the inspiration for some of his speeches. After working for Microsoft, Singh-Molaresh founded his own company called EchoMundi LLC. According to EchoMundi's web site, the company "is an innovative International Services firm providing comprehensive International Management Services." His career shows that he has a grasp on international business that most of us will never have.

"Students will gain three things from coming to the lectures," said Dr. David Loy, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Theology and Ethics, said. "They will find appreciation for the Core and liberal arts components of Concordia's education, gain insights from [Singh-Molaresh's] international business experiences, and learn the importance of learning the skills rather than just earning the degree." Singh-Molaresh will also be talking about how to stay grounded even after becoming successful, and how he believes an education in liberal arts can help accomplish this.

Singh-Molaresh will be visiting Concordia the week of Sept. 23-27, spending time each day speaking and meeting with students and groups. He will be giving three lectures that will be open to the general student body. The first lecture, "Philosophy, Math and the World of Business," will be held on Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the CU Center. The second lecture, on "Global Citizenship," will be on Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. in the Rho Programming Center (there will be a taco bar for those who attend). The main lecture will be a Core Convocation, titled "Staying Grounded: The Liberal Arts and Life," on Sept. 25. Students or groups that want to talk to Singh-Molaresh while he is visiting are encouraged to email Loy at David.Loy@cui.edu.

Give thanks for Global Pilgrims

Global Pilgrimage event celebrates the international travels of Concordia students over the past semester

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Global Pilgrimage, an event hosted by the Office of Global Programs, took place Sept. 4 in Denault Auditorium. This event served as a platform for students who have travelled abroad to study or do mission work to tell their stories.

"Last [spring and summer] we had 67 students go abroad, in one form or another, whether it was for credit, May term, or service mission," said Faith McKinney, Director of Global Programs. "[The speakers] talked about the various programs they were on and why they chose them."

"It's all about exposure. I can talk to people about going abroad, but it means more when they hear it from their peers," said McKinney.

This event gave five students and one professor the opportunity to share with others how their travels have impacted their lives.

This summer, one team worked with three organizations which Concordia had established relationships with the year prior: Fikisha in Kenya, Acacia Community Church in Uganda, and Mirembe cottage for street girls in Uganda. Jessica Schrank, sophomore member of the Uganda and Kenya team, talked about her experiences. "I feel like I learned a whole new understanding of what it means to be a servant by seeing the people over there and how they serve, and also getting to serve them," said Schrank.

Jessica Abel, junior Global Ambassador for the Office of Global Programs, traveled to Ghana this summer for the second year in a row. "A lot of people limit themselves to what they think is possible, but if God wants you there, there will be a way," said Abel.

Jordyn Kleinberg, sophomore, attended the event. She will be studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland next semester. "Hearing the speakers' stories on people they met, relationships they formed, and experiences they had made me that much more excited for my trip," said Kleinberg.

Schrank concluded by encouraging anyone interested in traveling to "just go." "If opportunities are placed in front of you, don't be hesitant. Pray about opportunities and chances that God will give you. Trust Him and go," said Schrank.

"Christ has told us to go out into the world and to not only share the gospel but share his love and since we are a Great Commission university, it goes hand in hand," said McKinney.

Students interested in learning more about study abroad options are encouraged to contact Faith McKinney at faith.mckinney@cui.edu or visit <http://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/global-programs> for more information.

BODIES

More than 600 muscles line and wrap nearly every square inch of the body, enabling every bodily movement and function—from breathing and digestion to running at top speed—depend upon the muscular system.

A Buena Park Exhibit

BRANDON LOPEZ
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Bodies: The Exhibition is a brand new attraction that is now open in Buena Park on Beach Blvd. This experience invites visitors into a world where every layer, every organ, even the entire nervous system of the body, can be seen up close. Through the process of plasticization, real human bodies have been preserved in perfect anatomical detail and presented in this exhibit.

This exhibit makes hit TV shows like "Bones," "Criminal Minds," and "CSI" look like the cadavers they use on set are unbelievable and not detailed enough. Visiting *Bodies* will completely change the way you look at the human body and will inspire you to live a better and healthier lifestyle. This exhibit is excellent for any medical students, athletic trainers, or anyone who has a curiosity and appreciation of

seeing the human body in a brand new way.

Everything on display has been prepared so carefully and every exhibit is so closely detailed, it's hard to decide whether the experience is mind-blowing or just bizarre. Experts walk around in scrubs answering questions and sharing facts about the human body. All of the galleries are presented in three dimensions so that the viewers can truly understand and see the human body in a way no book can describe. These galleries provide vast examples of the muscular, respiratory, skeletal, and many more systems of real human bodies; they even have a real human heart on display. One can also view the damage that smoking can cause to certain parts of the body, and pledges to "never smoke" can be signed at the exhibit.

Overall, this is an excellent place to go visit and spend the day.

Tickets can be bought online at www.BuenaParkExhibit.com



CONNECT WITH THE CLASSICS

Poetry in motion: Iliad performed live

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Last Friday, The Sound of Mind Poetry Club held their first event of the school year. Poetry Club members performed a live dramatic reading of the *Iliad* that was compressed into a two-hour summary. Jason O'Brien, junior, had the original idea to hold a live reading of the *Iliad* in the amphitheater here on campus. "I knew that the sophomores studied the *Iliad* in Core, so we decided we should have an event of the dramatic readings and hoped it would help them with understanding it if they wanted to show up, along with anyone else who was interested in going to the event," said O'Brien.

This year, the poetry club is looking to make new advancements and to increase awareness on what the club is actually about. They are planning on having more events, more open mics, and more new faces. Sound of Mind President Margaret Langdon, senior, said, "Poetry Club is a way to gain confidence, meet new people in a welcoming environment, and have a lot of fun." Both Langdon and O'Brien want to get rid of the poetry stereotype that suggests that poetry is only for quiet kids who wear black turtle-necks, drink tea and snap their fingers a lot. "We want to bring more awareness to poet-

ry as an art form and a way of expression," said O'Brien.

The club has no requirements in order to join; all that's required is to simply have an interest in poetry, whether it is reading, writing or even just listening. "We are hoping to encourage a lot of people to come and share their own poetry," Langdon said. Vice President Olivia Micco, sophomore, added, "If you don't want to read your own poetry you can simply come and listen, or even read poetry from famous poets. It is a great way to meet people."

There is more interest and response to the club this year compared to last year when the club was first started in the spring by former President Elizabeth Rhea, '13 alumni. "There haven't been any drastic changes to the club since last year, but this year we want to make the club more informal and welcoming, and we want more of an emphasis on open mics and participation," said Langdon.

Some of the members from the club had their work featured in *The Aerie* this past spring, along with other art, drama, fiction, and

creative nonfiction entries. Students interested in submitting their poetry and other work to *The Aerie* are always encouraged to do starting this January. The club is eager to acquire new members to share their readings and passion for poetry.

If you are interested in joining the club or have any questions regarding the Poetry Club, contact Langdon at Margaret.Langdon@eagles.cui.edu



Jason O'Brien and Olivia Micco bring *The Iliad* to life at the amphitheater.

MARGARET LANGDON

Brothers Menaechmus has humor for the ages

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On Fri., Sept. 20, Concordia's Theater will have their opening performance of *The Brothers Menaechmus*. The story of *The Brothers Menaechmus* (Muh-nike-mus) takes place in Ancient Rome: twin brothers who were separated in their childhood are unknowingly reunited years later in one of the twins' towns and chaotic confusion takes its toll on their wives, friends, and servants. The theater department wrote, "This classic comedy will make you laugh till you snort."

This performance is different than most of the plays put on by Concordia. As per ancient Roman tradition, the actors will be wearing masks-- just as they did when it was first written by Plautus. The masks present a new challenge to the cast; usually feelings can be expressed through facial expressions, but in this play feelings will have to be expressed more physically. Essentially, this creates a unique comedic outlet for audiences to enjoy.

Though the play was written

so long ago, this script is a modern translation. Audiences can expect a lot of wordplay and a show that is unlike anything they've ever seen--something that is "very cartoon-like," said Nick Scutti, junior, who is playing the part of Cylindrus.

The theater department began preparing for *Menaechmus* right before the end of the spring semester when they held auditions last April. The actors were given their parts at the beginning of summer and have been studying their characters over the entire break, finding opportunities to make this a comedic success. Scutti said that the couple of months over summer helped them "find fun things to do within the script."

Trenton Semple, a senior playing one of the Menaechmus brothers, said this play has been one of his favorites to perform in because of the new opportunities with the masks. With the hard work of the cast and the help of director Dr. Tony Vezner, the cast has found every opportunity to make the audience laugh. Semple said, "This play is HILARIOUS-- it's a comic masterpiece."

The cast has put hours of hard work into this show and it will be a fun start for the drama department at Concordia. Students have free admission with IDs, and other tickets will be sold online or at the door. The showings will be held Sept. 20, 21, 27, and 28 at 7:30 p.m., and matinee showings will be Sept. 22 and 29 at 2 p.m.

CUI Bono's eyes on ancient art

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On Sept. 8, CUI Bono hosted a trip to the Getty Villa Museum to watch an outdoor production of *Prometheus Bound* and to take a tour of the museum. This trip was led by Clinton Armstrong, Assistant Professor of History and Theology. Five students, who were interested in ancient studies, were chosen to attend this event to learn about the ancient world.

Armstrong has been to the Getty Villa four times previously. "It is the best free museum in California. It is very well put together and worth the drive," Armstrong said, "Let students continue to ask questions, to be a part of great conversations outside the classroom, and to get them back to the good, the true, and the beautiful." Armstrong was excited to see the play and to invest in the students by having conversations with them.

Sandy Wakim, senior RA of the CUI Bono Hall, went on the trip to the Villa last year and said that it is now her favorite museum. When asked about this year's trip, Wakim said, "Going in a smaller group is better, because you can get that one-on-one experience."

Brooklynn Titus, a senior who also participated in the Getty Villa trip last year, commented, "CUI Bono is one of the most unique and

enriching parts of the academic life at Concordia. Students with a desire to gain knowledge outside of the classroom and learn from professors on a deeper level will find CUI Bono to be an invaluable experience."

There are many more CUI Bono events students can attend this semester. "Typically, there is one CUI Bono event per month on Wednesday nights, so students should keep a lookout for more events like these to come," Wakim said. On Wed., Sept. 18, Adam Francisco, Associate Professor of History and Political Thought, will be speaking on the topic of "Making Sense of the Middle East: From Egypt to Syria" in the Rho Programming Center (RPC) from 5-7 p.m. Food will be provided and all students are welcome to join. "I am very interested in attending this event because I want to know more about what is happening over in Syria," said Alisha Douglas, junior. This is a great time for students to attain more knowledge and ask questions on this current event.

Dear Abby...

Like the famous “Dear Abby” advice column, *Courier* readers can submit anonymous letters to receive advice for all aspects of life. You can submit your letters by paper at the *Courier* office in the Delta Lounge or digitally on the survey monkey link found on *The Courier’s* facebook page.

Dear Abby,
I live on campus with my roommate, who is a good friend of mine. We really get along well with each other, except for one thing. We both have a crush on the same guy. This guy--I'll call him Tom--is really cute and comes over to hang out with us almost every other night. We watch movies with him, mostly the Pirates of the Caribbean movies (they're my favorite). The problem is that my roommate has expressed to me that she also has a crush on Tom. My roommate and I have been friends for years now and I value her friendship just as much as I value Tom's. She doesn't know yet that I also like Tom. How can I pursue a relationship with Tom while also maintaining a good relationship with my roommate?

-Lovestruck in Lovers

Dear Lovestruck,
The problem of two friends liking the same boy is one that dates back to the sixth grade, but unfortunately the answer can't be the standard “sharing is caring” that we get for every other issue. On the bright side, I've come up with a foolproof Five Step Plan for solving your problem:
Step One: Keep hanging out with Tom, but don't exclude your roommate. Continue to build the friendship you have with him so you can know for sure whether you think it will lead to something more. However, you also have to address the possibility that a relationship between Tom and your roommate can form as well.

Step Two: Now that you're getting to know

Tom better, evaluate the realistic possibility of a relationship between the two of you. If you just think he's cute and you might date him for a few weeks, it's probably not worth risking your friendship with your roommate. If that's the case, STOP HERE. Don't risk ruining a friendship over a fling. On the other hand, if you think he might be your soul-mate, and he appears to feel the same way about you, it will be worth talking to your roommate about actually dating him.

Step Three: Talk to your roommate! This should be the first thing you do if you decide that you want to actually pursue a relationship with Tom. Let your roommate know how you feel, and explain that you don't want to hurt her feelings. If you're going to start a relationship that will be long-term, you'll need her support as a roommate and as a friend.

Step Four: Don't be a PDA Polly! Even if your roommate supports your new relationship, she might still have feelings for Tom and will likely need some time to adjust. It sucks watching the person you like date someone else and it sucks even more if it's happening in your living room all the time. Be aware of the fact that your roommate probably does not want to come home to see you and Tom canoodling on the couch every evening, so go hang out in his room or in one of the lounges.

Step Five: Don't leave your roommate out. Having a new guy in your life doesn't mean you should stop spending quality time with your roomie. Make sure to plan time for the two of you to spend together so she doesn't feel abandoned. You should also make an effort to invite her to group activities with Tom, but make sure she doesn't feel like a third wheel when you're all hanging out.

“TLDR” Version: Communication is key, but be realistic about where your relationship with Tom is leading. Talk to your roommate before starting anything with Tom, and be sensitive to how she feels throughout the entire ordeal. Good luck!

Love,
Abby

Musical delights at Paradise Perks

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If listening to music and enjoying a delicious cup of coffee in a welcoming environment sounds like a perfect night for you, Paradise Perks is the place to go on almost any night of the week. Throughout the month, the espresso and tea bar holds regular and special events where artists can showcase their abilities in front of an audience.

Paradise Perks hosts an Open Mic Night every Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m. The coffee shop opens their doors for local talent to read poetry, play music, or perform whatever artistic persuasion they might choose. As performers share their piece, friendly audience members watch intently, cheer them on, and interact.

The espresso bar also hosts Comedy Nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month. These events are usually split in two sections. The first section is more of an open mic which lasts from 7-8 p.m. During the second section, feature comics perform in sets of fifteen minutes each for the remaining hour. In order to participate in the first section of the Comedy Night, you have to be one of the first ten people to sign up during the half hour before the event starts.

The last Sunday of each month, Paradise Perks hosts an event called “Persian Night.” Like the other events, Persian Night starts around 7:30 p.m. The event incorporates culture into an exciting evening of music, poetry and performance.

On Sat. Sept. 7, two bands were featured in

a special concert event. The first performer was an aspiring singer who incorporated technological aspects into his performance, reminiscent of techno with a slight flair of acoustic sound. Although at times the music overpowered the singer's voice, he was entertaining and fun to watch. The unique musician used multiple guitars and even played a cover song that really got the crowd into his performance.

The second performers were part of a band called “Said the Gentlemen.” This band attempted to intertwine a folksy sound with a soft rocker undertone. Although there were a few high points in the performance, like the band's cover of “Wagon Wheel,” the overall show was hard to sit through. The band's less than original attempt to sound like Mumford & Sons may have hurt my personal interpretation of the music; however, the rest of the crowd seemed to enjoy their songs.

Regardless of the iffy performance of the second band, the concert was definitely worth my 2 hours. The concert takes place in a large room with the majority of the walls open to the outdoors which really adds to the event's artistic aesthetics. The other people in the audience were friendly and seemed to be regular supporters of the musicians. In between performers, there were even free snacks, dessert, and water... free food is always a plus for a college student's budget.

Paradise Perks is located on Jeffrey Road in Irvine, only minutes away from Concordia's campus. For more information about upcoming events, visit the coffee shop or check their website at <http://www.paradisep perks.com>.



The calm, study-centric atmosphere of Paradise Perks during the day transforms into a quaint concert venue with just the shine of a spotlight.

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We have meetings at Concordia from 8-9 p.m. on Sunday nights in Grimm Hall, room 220. Please come. For further information, call Terry at (949) 400-3379.

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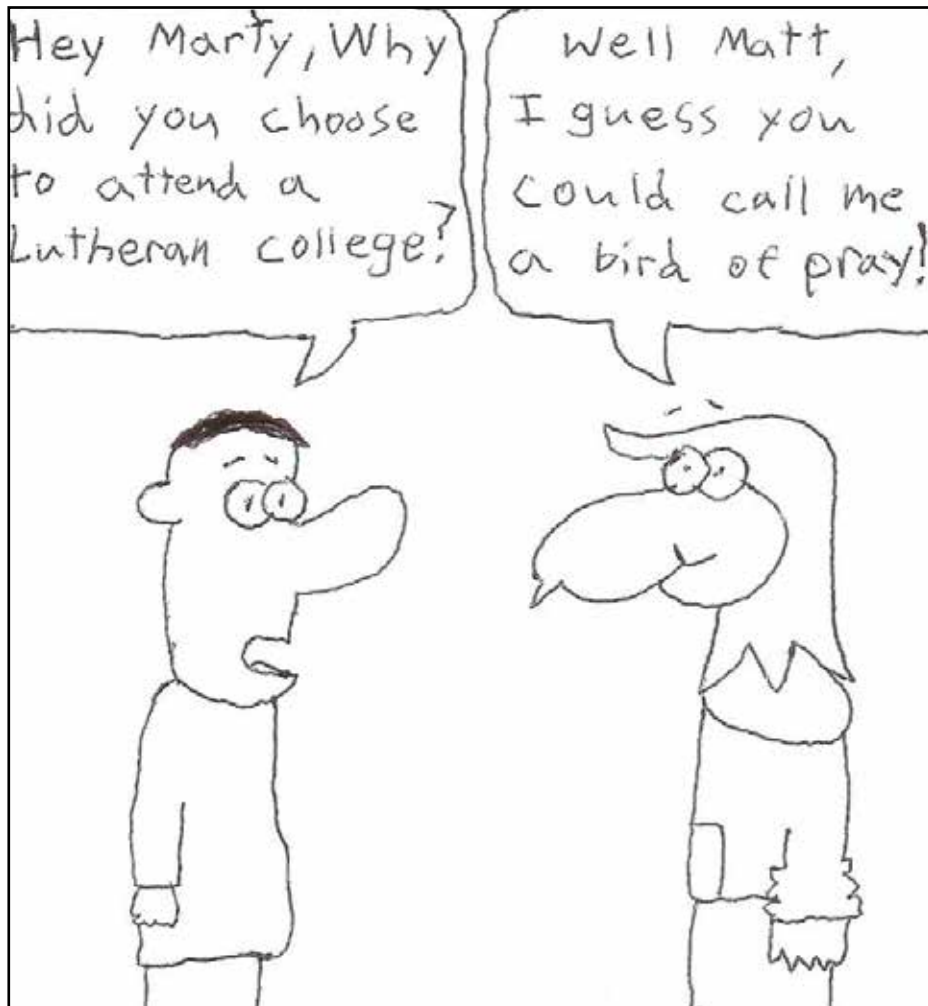
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Record enrollment and record diversity

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The student population at Concordia has hit a record breaking number, reaching a little over 4,000. The undergraduates alone have gained 135 more students than there were during the 2012-2013 school year. Doug Wible, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, believes this is possibly due to different factors such as retention rates, new student rates, and graduate programs, among others.

"Marketing has done a great job promoting our university," said Wible. Our name is becoming known, which attracts more potential Eagles. This explains the growth of the freshman class to 373 and transfer students to 241. Although Wible, along with all the undergraduate admissions staff, certainly influenced these numbers, he is extremely pleased with all who contributed including the financial aid office, admissions for all the graduate programs, those who are out recruiting, and many more, because it is takes a team effort to achieve success.

Significant changes are also occurring in who is coming to the university and where they are coming from. Cultural diversity within the student body is another area where Concordia is growing. Considering that mid-September marks the beginning of National Hispanic Heri-

tage Month, it is appropriate to mention the rise in the Hispanic population at Concordia. The current undergraduate student body is made up of 19 percent Hispanic students.

Undergraduate diversity is calculated as follows: Asian, five percent; Black/ African American, four percent; Caucasian, 59 percent; Hispanic, 19 percent; International, three percent; race/ ethnicity unknown, five percent; two or more races, five percent. Hispanic percentage went up three percent from last year. Simultaneously, the university saw a significant increase in international students and Asian students. It is safe to predict the continued growth both of population and diversity at Concordia.

Students cite high retention rates as one of their many reasons for attending Concordia. Amber Watson, '13 graduate, said she remained at Concordia for four years going on five because of the "community of people here and the opportunities that the school offers." She has noticed the growth in population since she started here.

"I think it's neat to see that we're growing but I don't think our campus is big enough for the amount of students that we have," said Watson. This might be an idea plenty of students share; long cafeteria lines, full housing, and difficulty finding parking are a part of every student's experience.

Polish papers at Writing Center

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Student consultants at the Writing Center, located in Theta Lounge, are offering help with their fellow students' writing assignments and writing skills.

The Writing Center is open from 9 am to 2:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. "I like that they are open at night for any last-minute questions before an assignment is due," said Lindsey Dela Salas, junior.

There is also an Online Writing Lab (OWL) for students who are not on campus. They can chat through email with writing consultants if they are unavailable to see one in person. Consultants offer help for students during any stage of the writing process, including brainstorming, organizing, and final editing. The Writing Center also offers walk-in appointments, although calling ahead is preferred. "[The consultants] were very accommodating and made sure I received the help I needed in time," said Veronica Hejny, sophomore.

Most appointments last about 30 minutes depending on the specific assignment. The writing consultants are not there to proofread, but rather to help you become better writers along

the way. "[Students should] expect a smile when they come in. These are students just like you who are not there to judge your skills, but want to help improve them," said Kristen Schmidt, Professor of English and Writing Center Director.

The writing consultants are current students at Concordia who were picked specifically because of their skills in writing. They are not all English or Creative Writing majors. Some major in Music Performance or Psychology, but all share an interest in writing.

Emily Olson, senior writing consultant, said, "I enjoy reading most anything and editing any papers my friends will let me get my hands on. I look forward to helping you tackle all of your writing worries."

Visiting the writing center is now a requirement mandated as part of the Core Curriculum for freshmen. This helps freshmen get acquainted with the campus and what it has to offer them, though the Writing Center isn't only for freshmen. All students have the opportunity to come in and improve their writing skills and grades.

To make an appointment, call the writing center at (949) 214-3444, visit their website through myCUI, or stop by Theta Lounge.

Library improvements keep up with times and student needs

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To keep up with a fast-paced university, the Concordia library decided to undergo a facelift, revamping its style to please its students. The library is now offering extended hours and the option to have a live video chat with an actual librarian from the comfort of your own bedroom.

Melanie Junge, public service librarian, said, "People have been asking for longer hours, so it's a good start." These changes allow students both on and off campus an easier and more flexible way to complete their homework.

These extended hours offer more flexibility for athletes and members of other teams, clubs, and organizations. Hannah Howell, a sophomore athlete, said that with the extended hours she would be able to use the library during finals week. The new hours allow the luxury of extra time for the ever-busy student to enjoy their trip to the library, whether it is to select a book or to do research for a paper.

The live chat is an effective new addition to the library's new image, allowing access to an actual librarian from your own computer. Nicole Daniels, junior, said the new video chat "will be really useful for commuters since you can access a librarian from your house rather than having to drive all the way to Concordia. You have that access right in front of you in your own home."

Explaining the new system, Junge said, "One librarian is always available from 8 a.m. until midnight" for the live chat. The live chat is very helpful in directing students to the right resources instantly and quickly solving any mechanical problems. For example, just last week, Junge revealed that one of the databases had gone down and the library was informed by a student via video chat. Because of this, the librarian was able to get the site back up and running more efficiently.

A new look attracts much attention, so the library has added more staff to accommodate these new additions. Jeffrey Sabol, the Outreach and Instruction Librarian, was hired on June 22. "We are excited about the hours," Sabol said. "We will have a reference librarian until midnight, Monday through Thursday." Sabol explained that the library is not only reaching out to traditional undergraduates but to students in Concordia's master's and adult degree programs.

The library continues to host Wednesday library workshops covering a variety of academic disciplines. The extended library hours are: Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to midnight; Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. For any further inquiries or questions, stop by the library, which is located next to the Library Arts building across from Grimm Hall.

ASCUI Senate elected for 2013-2014 year

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On Fri., Sept. 6 elections were held to determine the senators who will represent the student body this academic year. Congratulations to the elected senators: Amanda Alvarez, Braden Delannoy, Catherine Foster, Maxwell Redeker, freshmen; Gianna Kozel, Jessica Grenwald, sophomores; Keegan Maag, Alexandra Walsh, juniors; Sandy Wakim and Lizzett Caranza, seniors. We also have our returning senators Valerie Werner, junior, Si Cave, sophomore and Jeffrey Kim, senior.

According to the university's website, the function of the senate is to "provide a communication link between students and student leadership." Current Vice President Christine Gonzalez stated that the purpose of our senate is to "work under the executive board and serve as a liaison between student body and administration. Problems are brought up to administration at meetings that are held every Wednesday open-forum-fashion."

Gonzalez also explained some of the purposes of ASCUI Senate. "Our goal is to improve our campus. It matters because you are the student voice and that's what administration wants to hear about how to improve our University,"

said Gonzalez.

Besides improving our campus and providing us with communication to administration, senators also put on a yearly event. Melissa Wilson, a Communications major who served as a senator last year, said that being part of the senate was like "being behind the scenes of everything that goes on at Concordia."

Wilson explained that the much improved walkway by the amphitheater can be attributed to the work of ASCUI senators. Concerns over the mud built up during rainy season were brought to the student council by the senate and then were taken to administration for execution of a solution.

The requirements to become a senator are a 2.75 GPA and a commitment to miss no more than three meetings a year. Being a senator awards one credit a year and is a pass or fail course. Each senator must put in 15-20 hours a semester outside of open forums. Once a year, the Senate puts together an event for the student body.

If you have any concerns or suggestions feel free to approach your senators. Don't forget that we are the student voice. In order for things that need improvement to get fixed, it is important to communicate student desires to those with the power to affect change.



The ASCUI executive board (above) works in conjunction with the ASCUI senators to voice the opinions of the students and effect positive change on campus.