

The eagle flies at midnight

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Midnight Madness, an event kicking off the 2014-2015 Men's and Women's basketball seasons, will be held tonight in the CU Arena. The pre-party will start at 9:30 p.m. on the grass outside of the CU Arena. There will be burgers served from a food truck called Globally Delicious Bro. The first 100 people to arrive will receive a wristband that guarantees a Midnight Madness t-shirt and front-of-the-line entry into the main event. The doors will open at 10:30 p.m. for students, family, friends, alumni,

faculty and staff.

Midnight Madness is an event put on by LEAD Student Activities and Screaming Eagles. Both groups have put a lot of time and effort into making this night "madness."

"Student Activities and Screaming Eagles have dedicated a lot of their time to make this one of the best events of the year and I am excited to see how it all turns out," said Kristin Lampe, junior Screaming Eagles coordinator.

This year, there will be two games played that will give attendees the opportunity to win prizes. "The prizes consist of a GoPro, a longboard, a \$100 check, a t-shirt bundle and

gift cards," said Kyle Schultz, junior Screaming Eagles coordinator. "It's going to be a fun night of food, games, shows and dancing, so don't miss out." This year's Midnight Madness will go until midnight, unlike last year, and there will be plenty of time to dance and mingle with fellow students and student athletes after the dunk contest.

"We will be handing out Screaming Eagles t-shirts, Midnight Madness t-shirts, snapbacks and other little gifts to the students who show up to the event," said Jocelyn Nunez, junior Screaming Eagles coordinator. Some of the activities and games to look forward to include

the bounce house hoop shot, dancing, trivia and ball of champions game.

"This is the jumpstart to our season and we are all very excited for the night. Get out here to support us if you can," said Delaun Frazier, senior basketball player. "I've been here for five years now and every Midnight Madness has been fun, but this is my last go-around so I'm trying to make this (event) one to remember."

Come out tonight and meet your Men's and Women's basketball teams, cheer squad and dance team while also enjoying the food and music so the Concordia tradition can carry on. Enjoy the Madness!



Honors Program is Denver-bound

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A group of students from the Honors Program led by Dr. Susan Bachman, Professor of Rhetoric and Director of the Honors Program, are embarking on a trip to Denver to participate in the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Conference from Nov. 5 to 9. The conference is an annual meeting of our nation's most brilliant collegiate minds.

"People from all over the country and even some from Canada and U.S. Territories, like Guam, are there; it's almost a global event," Bachman said. The goal of the conference is to get as many schools together in order to improve universities overall, with a focus on honors programs.

Bachman explained that the conference includes universities with large student bodies like Notre Dame, UCs, and other top schools and mixes them in with smaller schools like Concordia. "We all compare techniques at our schools to see what works best for our students. From there, we try to increase education nationwide," Bachman said. Despite its size, Concordia does have something to give to the national conversation.

In preparation for the trip, the six students who will be traveling to Denver must complete honors-level coursework to learn more about the city they are traveling to. Students are learning about Denver's culture, businesses, history and infrastructure. Katie Jarnutowski, junior, is attending her second NCHC conference. She illustrated how the benefits of the education help when the time comes to interact with the other people at the conference. Each week, the students give presentations about the information they have researched. "It's akin to having a seven- to ten-page research report every three weeks," Bachman said.

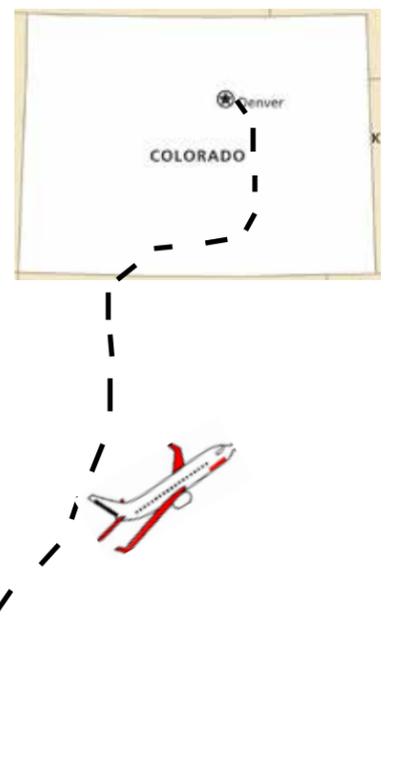
This background will help Alisha Alexander, sophomore, who is excited to experience the "Learn to Read the City" program. "It focuses on learning to metaphorically read the city so that you can understand how other areas operate," Alexander said. With this understanding under their belts, the students then get to the most beneficial part of the conference. "It's really the interactions that help the most," Jarnutowski said.

The NCHC places individuals together in groups who may not see eye to eye on many things. "You can have a very conservative Christian and a really liberal student in the same

group," Bachman said.

From there, the students must be able to work together to get through different activities with people who they may not agree with. "It's that experience of getting through things even under tough circumstances that really brings the best experience for the students," Bachman said.

This is the second year Concordia has attended the NCHC conference. Last year, Bachman and a group of students from the Honors Program attended and presented at the conference in New Orleans. Bachman hopes this annual trip will continue to provide insight and knowledge on ways to improve our Honors Program.



ATW III: An Istanbul Experience

CURRENTLY A GROUP OF CONCORDIA STUDENTS, PROFESSORS AND GRAD ASSISTANTS ARE TRAVELING FOR CUT'S SEMESTER AROUND THE WORLD. THESE ARE THEIR STORIES.

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The sunrise stretching over the minarets of the city created a glorious start to the adventure of discovering Istanbul. We got off the plane that morning and were immediately immersed in the beauty of a historical epicenter. In such a diverse cultural center, we knew that the time we would have to explore was not enough to get more than a slight glimpse of the rich history that poured out of every building. Our time in Istanbul was different than our time spent in most countries. We didn't spend as much time on service projects because of the lack of availability, so we were able to take time to become acquainted with the city.

The more time we spent in Istanbul, the more we realized that behind the beautiful mosques and stunning old buildings a deep sadness lurked within the eyes of different people we would meet. We saw an astonishing amount of refugees revealing the physical poverty of the people, and five times every day we would hear the call to prayer beaming through the city, revealing an even deeper spiritual poverty in the Islamic rituals. Our work with the Union Church, run out of the

Dutch Consulate in Istanbul, allowed us to see the work of those who are able to support the refugees in a way that is far more helpful and healthy than merely distributing money.

The main work that I did with the refugees was with the Moms and Tots program that runs every Monday and Thursday. Two expat missionary moms, Kelly and Jen, come from the Union Church with their group of volunteers and set up a feeding center for the moms and their kids. I was able to work with them for two Mondays and see the women take care of the refugees' physical and spiritual needs. The refugee crisis in Turkey has risen greatly with the war in Syria producing the need for the relocation of many families. The Turkish government has been struggling with finding the room and ability to care for the families flooding into the country, but churches like the Union Church have done their best to care for the lives of these refugees so far from their homes.

Our team has been growing together as the trip progresses and we look forward to coming home to be rejoined with our Concordia family. I am excited to hear all the stories from the semester and hope to share some of my own. As we continue, I want to ask for prayer for those missionaries at the Union Church as they continue their work with refugees. Also, pray for the refugees and their families back in the country as they struggle through being away from their home and learn to live in a new culture. Thank you for your prayers!

God Bless, Concordia!



Juniors Jessica Schrank (left) and April Hall (right) in Istanbul

Aquatics invitational at Pepperdine

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The Concordia Swimming and Diving teams are preparing to make a splash at the Malibu Invitational hosted by Pepperdine University today and tomorrow. They will compete with hundreds of other collegiate aquatics programs from all around Southern California.

The competition will be held at the Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool for an action-packed weekend at one of the largest collegiate meets ever held at Pepperdine.

The all-day, two-session event is free to the public and will feature both men's and women's teams from GSAC and Division II. Senior Haley McVay has been competing in diving for six years. "I will be competing in the 1- and 3-meter diving events on Friday at the Malibu Invitational," McVay said. "The best part about competing is being able to represent my school through the sport I love."

The Malibu Invitational is one of the largest swimming and diving events in California where many of the top teams will compete. "My favorite part about competing in large-scale events, such as the Malibu Invitational, is the rush of adrenaline and the satisfaction that you get when the dive goes just like you've been practicing it," McVay said.

Preparation is crucial for any and all compet-

itive sporting event. Athletes put in many team hours at practice as well as individual time to work on themselves to make sure that they are not only physically but also mentally prepared for the event. "In order to mentally prepare for an event like this, I like to try to keep calm and reassure myself that this is what I've been preparing for my entire diving career, and that I can do anything I put my mind to," McVay said.

This weekend is an opportunity for the athletes to display all of the hard work and preparation that goes into competing in swimming and diving. Come show support for your fellow Eagles at the Malibu Invitational. Held at one of the top facilities in the nation, Pepperdine provides a great home for an event of this magnitude. Whether you are there to witness athletes in top form race against the clock with the hopes of breaking records, or you prefer to view divers flip and spin from heights well over ten feet before landing in the water with hardly a splash, the Malibu Invitational is guaranteed to be a fun and entertaining way to spend a few hours.

Today will play host to the opening rounds of the invitational with diving starting at 12 p.m. and swim events beginning at 2 p.m. Tomorrow the invitational kicks off at 10 a.m. and runs all day long. All events will be held at Pepperdine University on the decks of the Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool.



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Alvarez rocks and she also blocks

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Jazmin Alvarez, sophomore Women's Soccer goalkeeper, has not only shown her importance on the field as the last line of defense, but as a leader and remarkable teammate on and off the field.

Alvarez has been the starting keeper for the Lady Eagles for two years now and continues to shine in all aspects of her game. "She is amazing to watch. Her work ethic, dedication and humility allow her to excel every single day," said teammate Taylor Chavez, sophomore. "It is evident that she is a leader and is capable of handling the task at hand."

Alvarez started in 20 games as a freshman and had a .817 save percentage. She has proved why she was named All-GSAC and ranked #14 in Goals Against per Game in the nation. In addition, Alvarez was named GSAC Defensive Player of the Week just a couple weeks ago. "She has everyone's back. She is so trustworthy and always looks out for the best interest of her teammates," said teammate Lizette Luna, sophomore.

Alvarez gives her family credit for being the source of inspiration for everything she does. "My parents have worked so hard and are supportive through it all. My father would work nights, and come from work on Saturday mornings to drive me to my soccer games at 8 in the morning. I can't thank them enough," Alvarez said.

The best advice given to her that has been a driving factor in her success is that height doesn't matter to be a goalkeeper. This advice has allowed her to have the mentality of a cham-

pion, and is pushing her to earn the first college degree in her family.

This season has been exactly what these Lady Eagles have expected. Already 11-2-1 overall, this year's team has connected and created great chemistry. "I like to challenge my teammates and push them to give 100% during practice, so that our games will be a direct reflection," Alvarez said.

Miranda Canales, junior, is extremely excited about the way this season is going with Alvarez guarding the team's goal. "I believe that the momentum is building as we approach the end half of the schedule," Canales said. "Being

able to beat San Diego Christian has allowed us to keep moving forward with the attitude that we belong, and Alvarez is such a huge contributor to that."

Alvarez has shown her teammates why she is such a leader on and off the field. "She is a big family person. As her roommate, I can see firsthand how important her parents, family and friends mean to her and that radiates in all aspect of her life," Canales said.

Alvarez and the rest of the Women's Soccer team take on #11-ranked Westmont on Sat., Oct. 18 in Santa Barbara. Tune in to cuieagles.com to follow along and support these Lady Eagles in the road to the GSAC title.



Schelhaas SWATs up

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Women's Volleyball is currently nine games into conference, making their overall record 22-2. The team is led by senior middle blocker, Reanna Schelhaas, who is now playing her last season with our Lady Eagles. After four years of hard work and dedication, Schelhaas has seven conference games left to play until postseason and graduation.

Schelhaas has started all four years and is co-captain this season with teammate Jordan Smith, senior. Schelhaas was recently awarded GSAC Player of the Week starting Sept. 27. In 2011 and 2012, Schelhaas was named All-GSAC. In 2012, she was named NAIA All-American. According to the Concordia Athletics website, she finished her second season with 209 kills, 96 blocks and 43 digs, helping her team to win the National Championship in 2012. "Every year she has gotten better and better, and this is her best season thus far," said Head Coach Trevor Johnson.

Schelhaas has been playing volleyball since her freshman year of high school and instantly fell in love with the sport. She wears jersey #7 because it is symbolic of God. "It's a constant reminder to me that He is who I play for," Schelhaas said. Adapting to Concordia was a struggle in the beginning, but it was the best decision Schelhaas has ever made, because it has reestablished her relationship with God. In her first two years, former Women's Volleyball Head Coach Dan Fisher inspired Schelhaas to be the athlete and woman she is today. Fisher instilled the idea that athletes can get by as ordinary people or stand out and have a positive impact on others' lives.

This goal has influenced the team's work ethic and motto as well. "Our team motto is SWAT, which stands for Sacrifice, Wisdom, Attitude and Teamwork," Schelhaas said. "If we keep living by this, we will be unbreakable. If we keep training hard, we will be unstoppable. We have what it takes to win it and we aren't going to let anything get in the way of that."

"[Schelhaas] is a true leader in all aspects. Knowing that she is on the court makes me feel more comfortable," said teammate Jenee Henderson, senior. "She has inspired me to be a better player." Schelhaas has helped the team tremendously as they have relied on her for big points and big swings at crucial moments. Johnson has watched Schelhaas' maturity and leadership grow, and he is very proud of her for not only being a role model on the court, but off the court as well.

Schelhaas will be graduating in the spring with a degree in Exercise Sports Science. She is looking to continue her education to be a Physical Therapist and would also love to play volleyball professionally overseas in Sweden. Schelhaas' words of advice to incoming athletes are to understand that collegiate sports are very different. "You're going to train harder and be pushed both physically and emotionally. Come in with an open mind-set and trust that everything is going to work out just the way it should," Schelhaas said.

Schelhaas is currently coming back from an injury, but you can expect to see her dominate in the upcoming games as the Lady Eagles travel on Monday and Tuesday of next week to compete against Menlo College and William Jessup University. Tune in to cuieagles.com for live coverage on upcoming matches.



Senior Reanna Schelhaas

Men's Water Polo seeks to achieve big

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After going 0-3 in their last three games, the Men's Water Polo team looks to get back on track this week with games against Fresno Pacific University, UC Davis and Bucknell. The team's overall record sits at six wins and nine losses. However, they plan to finish the season on a positive note.

"Focus small to achieve big," said Rhett Turvey, junior. "We have to push through the middle of the game and win each quarter." Being the only Men's Water Polo team in the NAIA comes with great challenges. The schedule that the team plays is tough week in and week out. The team plays not only the top Division I schools from California, but also other very reputable Division I schools from around the country. Because they are the only Men's Water Polo team in the NAIA, they do not participate in a play-

off system. However, that will change next year when Concordia Athletics makes the jump up to NCAA Division II.

Junior Jaime Saunders said that the team's only weakness is injuries. Although half of the starting lineup is out, they still plan to end the season positively. Unfortunately, all of these injuries have come to the upperclassmen of the team, which on any team, would be a huge blow, considering most of the leadership comes from the older, more experienced players. The injuries have been forcing younger players to step up and prove themselves maybe a little sooner than they initially thought.

"Having a young squad that is learning from the veterans and receiving good knowledge as underclassmen will do them great justice as we advance into the season and on to further years to come," Saunders said.

Head Coach John Wright is in his third year of coaching the Men's Water Polo team. "He is a

coach that is consistent and sticks to his word on a daily basis," Turvey said.

One thing you can count on with this team is a group of guys that gels very well together in and out of the pool. "There are a lot of friendships built when playing on this team," Saunders said. "When you're with the same people every single day for the span of a season, it is very important to have a group that gets along well and keeps each other sane."

As the team sets their sights on finishing the season strong, they have an opportunity to put last week behind them with three huge games this week. The men's team will be in Fresno today taking on Fresno Pacific University, and at UC Davis on Oct. 19. Starting on Oct. 24, they enter The Rodeo hosted by Santa Clara, where they will take on Bucknell in their first of six games in the tournament.

Keep up with the Men's Water Polo team at cuieagles.com



Sophomore Josh Mundell during a match at Chapman University

CUI Bono by the Sea

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The seventh-annual CUI Bono retreat was held from Sept. 26 to 28 at the Campus by the Sea campground on Catalina Island. This is the second year the retreat has taken place on Catalina Island, following the switch from Lake Arrowhead.

Dr. Daniel van Voorhis, Director of CUI Bono and Department Chair of History and Political Thought and his teacher's aide Amanda Ozaki, senior, both created a memorable and successful trip. It included about 50 people, including 10 faculty members.

"The theme of this trip, that was also the basis of all our discussions, was 'understanding yourself and your neighbor,'" van Voorhis said. The purpose of this retreat, like all other CUI Bono retreats, was

to intellectually benefit both students and professors. The retreat allowed for students and professors to come together outside of the university setting to discuss topics and issues that students do not always hear in the classroom. It gives students from all different majors and backgrounds a great opportunity to gain new perspectives as well as broaden their knowledge.

The retreat was not all intellectual work and no play. "This year's trip was really fun and had so many activities to do, like basketball, snorkeling and hiking," Ozaki said. This was her second time going on the retreat and she was in charge of organizing events and putting together activities for the students. Fellow student Sam Leanza, junior, attended a CUI Bono retreat for the first time and had an unforgettable time. "I enjoyed the discussions the professors brought up because they were deep topics

that really make you think," Leanza said.

The discussions and debates are what make CUI Bono retreats so special and separate them from other retreats. They give students the freedom to voice their opinions based on beliefs, religion or political backgrounds without criticism.

On CUI Bono retreats, the relationships between students and professors are more personal than professional. Professors can unwind and be themselves around the students, creating closer bonds and friendships.

CUI Bono was a small gathering of people asking tough questions that many wanted to know the answers to. The idea spread throughout campus and instantly became of interest to many professors and students. After its small start, the club has reached record highs in attendance and has become a staple group on campus. There are

monthly meetings that allow students and professors to stay connected throughout the year. CUI Bono has a lot to offer students and faculty who want to join and has no limit to what one can learn. Although the theme may change every year, the main objective stays the same: to promote deeper thinking and have fun doing it.

This retreat was a success and allowed students to get a better understanding of themselves and others around them. Every year, CUI Bono has a positive influence and has something for all students to become involved in. The topics are not isolated to one viewpoint, and everyone is encouraged to participate. In addition to this fall retreat, CUI Bono also hosts a monthly lecture series. For more information, visit the First Year Experience tab at cui.edu.



Students and professors engaging during a lecture on Catalina Island

Global Village celebrates jazzy city

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Jazz Up Your Night, an event celebrating the culture of New Orleans, was held by the Office of Global Programs on Oct. 2 in the Eagle Lounge. The flyers around campus said it all: enjoy the heart of New Orleans culture with a beignet, jazz music and learn how to serve in New Orleans over spring break. This event was the second event put on by the Office of Global Programs for their fall 2014 cultural celebration series, which is being held throughout this semester.

"These events are to celebrate culture, as well as introduce students to where Global Programs are taking students over the next year," said Brianna Springer, Director of Multicultural Leadership and Service Learning. Students have the opportunity to travel to China, New Orleans, Mexico and Bolivia. According to senior Mariah Neilson, Global Programs intern, "Jazz Up Your Night was specifically held to promote the

mission trip to New Orleans that will be going on during spring break." Neilson planned, created and executed a great New Orleans atmosphere with food delicacies, pictures and decorations.

"Jazz Up Your Night was open to all and it was about engaging students into culture from around the world," said Dana Burkey, Manager of International Student Services and Global Outreach of Missions and Service Learning. Students had the chance to answer trivia questions about New Orleans while enjoying the Southern style of the city, beignets and coffee, as well as listening to Springer's history and experience in New Orleans.

Junior Alexandra Lopez thought the event was well-organized, entertaining and insightful. "I thought it was interesting because I didn't know there was a trip and I got to meet new people, learn new things and have tasty snacks," Lopez said. This will be the first year Concordia takes a mission trip to New Orleans. It will be led by Brianna Springer during the 2015 spring

break.

"The idea came to be by Concordia Cares, who have been thinking about building more services throughout the community and wanted to plan more of a domestic trip, rather than the usual trips abroad, so that students could have a chance to serve over spring break," Springer said. She also wanted to share her love of New Orleans with the students and do something to help, since New Orleans is still feeling the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

If you are interested in experiencing New Orleans in a new way, you can easily apply by going online, clicking on Mission and Service-Learning Trips under Global Outreach. The deadline to apply is Nov. 21, with about 10-12 students chosen for the trip.

The next event in the series of cultural celebrations will be a Churro Night held on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lounge. This event will inform students about another

great mission trip through the Office of Global Programs, this one to Mexico. The website to apply is cui.edu/academicprograms/global-programs/



Jensen's Operation Christmas Child

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"I grew up in an orphanage. I remember in the orphanage you don't have anything to call your own," explained Zarina Jensen. "You have to share a toothbrush, clothing, showers." This all changed when at six years old she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

"When I received a shoebox, it was a sign of hope. I finally called something my own," Jensen said in a recent visit to Orange County. She was drawn to the box because of a stuffed animal. "The first thing I saw was a stuffed bumble bee," Jensen said, laughing. Jensen said that she was continuing to be thankful for the little things that helped her maintain hope while living in the Central Asian orphanage until she was adopted at age nine and moved to America.

Jensen lived in Oregon following her adoption and now travels with Operation Christmas Child to advocate for the organization that made such an impact in her life. Operation Christmas Child is the largest Christmas project in the world with shoebox gifts collected in the U.S., Australia, Canada, Japan and several European countries. In 2014, the operation, which is backed by Samaritan's Purse, will deliver gifts to children in over 100 countries on six continents. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has given more than 113 million shoeboxes filled with items for children, such as hygiene products, school supplies and toys.

"My whole purpose is to share my testimony to encourage people to pack boxes," Jensen said. "It's something I have been affected by." On her speaking tour, Jensen portrays herself as an example of what a shoebox that tangibly shows the love of Christ can do.

"Honestly, America has it very [well]. We just have all that we need right in front of us," Jensen said. "[Operation Christmas Child] is so important because it teaches us to look outside of ourselves," she said. "There are people out in other places who desperately need something."

Jensen repeatedly said that one box

means one life changed. "When you take time to pack a shoebox, that life can be changed," she said. When the Samaritan's Purse volunteers hand out the boxes, they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the children. Jensen admitted that she was not fully paying attention to the Gospel in her excitement for a gift, but she did eventually become a Christian at age 15. "Everything hit me," she said. "This is Jesus and Jesus did all this." She finally realized all that He had done in her life to rescue her from a teen mom into a safe orphanage, to then place her in a family that taught her about God.

Concordia partners with Samaritan's Purse to help them meet their goal of 10

million boxes in 2014. Concordia Cares is collecting monetary donations to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Find them outside the Student Union during lunch on Fridays or in the CSLD. Individuals can also pack boxes that can be dropped off during national collection week, Nov. 17-24. Resident students can place items for shoeboxes into large cardboard boxes located outside of resident assistants' dorms. With more than 500,000 volunteers worldwide, Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be collected, shipped and distributed to children in need across the globe.

Jensen concluded that "the box gave me hope and it shows those that don't have much that they're not forgotten."



Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipient Zarina Jensen

Pizookies for Commuters

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The Commuter Pizookie Extravaganza was held by the LEAD Commuter Outreach coordinators in the Eagle Lounge on Mon., Oct. 6. This cookie-cutting commuter event is one of the many socials that the Commuter Outreach program hosts to enable those who live off campus to become more involved with campus life.

Commuters have no resident assistants to put on events for them, so having the Commuter Outreach coordinators assisting them to become more a part of the community is extremely beneficial.

Ariana Sadeghipour, sophomore LEAD Commuter Outreach coordinator, decided that Pizookies were best for this particular event because it is a dish that the program has never provided before. She and Ashley Wada, sophomore LEAD Commuter Outreach coordinator, invest their time thinking of new ideas for the commuter gatherings.

The Commuter Pizookie Extravaganza was a big hit. Commuters were waiting for their Pizookies 10-15 minutes before the treats were served. This event had a wide selection of Pizookies from BJ's: chocolate chip, cookies n' cream, peanut butter, white chocolate macadamia nut and even gluten-free Pizookies.

"We ordered only 150 Pizookies and we had 150-plus commuters attend. Fortunately, a few of the attendees had a scoop of ice cream or just a cookie, so we were able to give more people food," Sadeghipour said. Sadeghipour also thinks that the commuter attendance at the events has been at an all-time high this year. Sadeghipour and Wada's favorite part of these events is seeing the appreciation of the commuters and how thankful they are.

"I was happy that they provided gluten-free Pizookies for those with dietary needs," said Jessica Abel, senior commuter. Many other commuters were grateful that the coordinators took into consideration those who have a gluten-free diet. Elizabeth Gross, junior, enjoyed that this event brought commuters together as a unit and she had fun hanging out with her commuter friends.

Currently, Sadeghipour and Wada are looking into creating commuter mixer events. A commuter mixer is an event for both commuters and resident students to mingle. It gives a chance for commuters to make friends with the residents on campus and gives commuters opportunity for more experiences on campus. The first commuter mixer will take place on Nov. 18.

The LEAD Commuter Outreach coordinators send commuter newsletters biweekly advertising events such as commuter breakfast, \$1 commuter lunches, Pizookie day, Jamba Juice day and snow cone day. Commuters should keep their eyes out for these events, which can be seen on posters on campus and social media like the twitter and instagram page, @cuilead. Commuters who were not able to get a Pizookie at this event have no worries because there will be a Commuter Pizookie event again next semester. For the moment, commuters should prepare to buy their tickets for the \$1 lunch event on Oct. 31 as a Halloween treat.

Dare To Be Scared

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Heritage Hill Historic Park in Lake Forest presents "Haunt at Heritage Hill" today and tomorrow, showcasing the start of Halloween festivities. This year marks the seventh-annual haunt, where the community gets the chance to celebrate Halloween and its history.

The Halloween teen- and adult-friendly event incorporates many festivities that everyone can enjoy. According to the OC Parks website, there are games, music, themed stage performances and classic horror movie screenings.

Those who dare can tour the haunted house and fright mazes, including the all-new Red Riding Hood's Revenge, The Joker's Side Show and the return of La Carnivora, which features more monsters than ever.

Ron Rivera, City Recreation Coordinator of Lake Forest, recognized that the city needed a local event surrounding Halloween activities. "It started out because we realized we didn't have anything for the teenager and adult crowd who wanted to celebrate Halloween in their own hometown," Rivera said. "We also really wanted to honor the heritage of the haunts, which

is the Universal Studio monsters."

The community of Lake Forest and surrounding cities will gather amongst zombies and ghouls as fright night once again takes place this weekend. Lori Cummins of Lake Forest is excited about bringing her family to the Haunt for the third year in a row. "The Haunt at Heritage Hill has become part of our family's Halloween tradition now," Cummins said. "Every year my

kids are thrilled to come and get spooked."

Admission for the Haunt is \$7 and parking is free. To be part of the tradition and embrace the Halloween spirit, attendees are encouraged to come dressed in costume. To find out more information about the Haunt or the location of Heritage Hill Historic Park, head to ocparks.com/historic/heritage/ or facebook.com/LFhaunt or call (949) 461-3450.



Schott newest student director

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Senior Jacob Schott has recently been given the opportunity to direct a one-act theater production, "Refrain and Reprise," which will be open for viewing April 23-26, 2015.

Schott has been involved in the theater community and culture from a young age. "I was never good at sports growing up, despite my parents' attempt in getting me involved," Schott said. "Unfortunately, I never had much of an affinity toward them anyway." Schott's experience in theater started in the second grade when he had the opportunity to act as the biblical figure Gabriel in a small school play. The role acted as a catalyst for Schott to pursue his passion for theater at Concordia. Luckily, Schott was given the chance to enroll in a series of directing classes, which are preparing him for directing his one-act. Schott must develop his skills in all aspects of the production, ranging from stage management to minute technical facets.

Theater has acted as a platform and foundation of creativity for Schott. "Refrain and Reprise" will give Schott more autonomy to explore his own creativity and learn more about production management in theater. Schott says he plans on continuing his studies in theater after graduation. He plans on receiving his masters degree in Fine Arts and directing in order to become a college theater professor.

Wesley Barnes, senior, a fellow theater major who helped host Rock the Amp with Schott in September, can't think of anyone better than Schott for the position. Barnes has had the opportunity to spend the last four years with Schott. "[Schott] has really been trying to learn what it really means to be a director and the power behind it to create something meaningful," Barnes said. "He is very hardworking and an intelligent guy." Barnes hopes that the production will connect with the audience in a more visceral way.

Outside of theater, Schott is known for his affable personality, which filters through his

work.

Senior Katie Foggiano has also been given the chance to coproduce "Refrain and Reprise" with Schott. Foggiano is very excited to work together and thinks it will be a fruitful opportunity. "I have never met someone quite like [Schott]; his humor is unparalleled as well as his devotion to theater," Foggiano said. "He is definitely thirsty to succeed and ready to take his theater career outside the grounds of Concordia."

Directing is never easy, and can be a daunting task to some. Senior Alexandra Dominguez was ecstatic to hear that her best friend was appointed this role as a student director. "This is such a great way for [Schott] to end his collegiate career," said Dominguez. "Not only was he able to host Rock the Amp this year, but was given the chance to direct a play, which is big."

Schott's one-act will debut next April.



Senior Jacob Schott

Concordia Choir shines with guest Tom Trenney

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Concordia Choir's "Festival of the Hymns" was held Sun. Oct. 5 in the CU Center. Being a first-time concert-goer, I was skeptical upon arrival, but still took my seat beside what felt like hundreds of other students, parents and various family members. Right before the concert began, Dr. Susan Bachman, Professor of Rhetoric, sat directly on my left. Bachman, who notably has the voice of an angel, often enjoys going to the concerts on campus to see the talents of her students.

As the concert began, a tall and slender man introduced himself as Tom Trenney, the guest artist for the event, as well as three incredibly sharp-looking choir groups in the background. Trenney explained that he was a lover of worship music and was excited to share the set he had planned. At this point, I was excited to hear what the choir was going to do with the traditional church music.

My misinterpretation of a hymn was soon challenged with the first song, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." The entire audience rose to their feet and started singing along with the choir to a melody that could only be described as powerful and uplifting. The organ,

"You could feel the emotion coming from the stage."

which Trenney said was specifically designed for the CU Center, filled the room with a beautiful melody to complement the voices onstage. Each line had specific directions to help the audience through the song on the parts we were singing. As the concert progressed, there were reflections and readings that made it easy to follow along with the feelings that the music was trying to portray. This concert, which I originally thought to be a sit-down-and-listen type of show, turned into a full-blown worship service. I could not believe the energy in the air as the entire congregation participated alongside the three choirs, singing out for all to hear.

The concert, which was celebrating the "fruits of the Spirit," included attributes such as love, joy, peace, and patience, among others. The smile on my face was hard to fight when the choirs started with the "patience" part of their set. Their rendition of the popular African tribal hymn "Keep Your Lamps" by Andre Thomas was beautifully sung, and you could feel the emotion coming from the stage.

Various instruments were used throughout the festival to help set the tone in each piece, including drums and hand bells. Not only was this choir enjoying what they were singing, but they were also worshipping and praising God along with it. "We have been working on the festival music since the beginning of the school year," said Will DeMuri, junior Concordia Choir member. The hard work definitely paid off when the audience rose to their feet and gave a long applause to the choir.

The Concordia Choir has their next event, the Fall Choral Concert, tonight in the CU Center at 7:30 p.m. with free admission with a Concordia ID.

Go mad for acting workshops

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The Theatre Department is putting on an acting workshop on Tues., Oct. 21 to adapt Nellie Bly's book, "Ten days in a Madhouse," into a play. This is the second of multiple workshops that will occur throughout the year. These workshops on "Ten Days in a Madhouse" will be the start of the process of writing the script for the play.

Professor Tony Vezner, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre, decided that this book should be turned into a play, with the goal of it being performed next spring by our Theatre Department. Vezner is accomplishing this idea by having students improvise and act out scenes in order to formulate the script. Students of all levels of experience in acting can be involved with this workshop and there is no audition necessary. Vezner is very enthusiastic about this upcoming project and is working closely with Katie Foggiano, senior, to complete the playwriting process as well as creatively using the workshops to benefit actors and their performing skills.

The workshops will include acting exercises, such as using scarves as whips and learning to act out the various situations that were in the book. Alex Dominguez, senior, is one of the students who attended the last workshop a few weeks ago. "We get together and do exercises that are in connection to the book," Dominguez said. "Last week we acted out different character traits of someone who is supposedly insane. This topic has been really interesting to work with." Kierney Loucas, junior, also signed up to be a part of these workshops. "It has been nice to be able to practice my acting, especially with such an interesting topic," Loucas said.

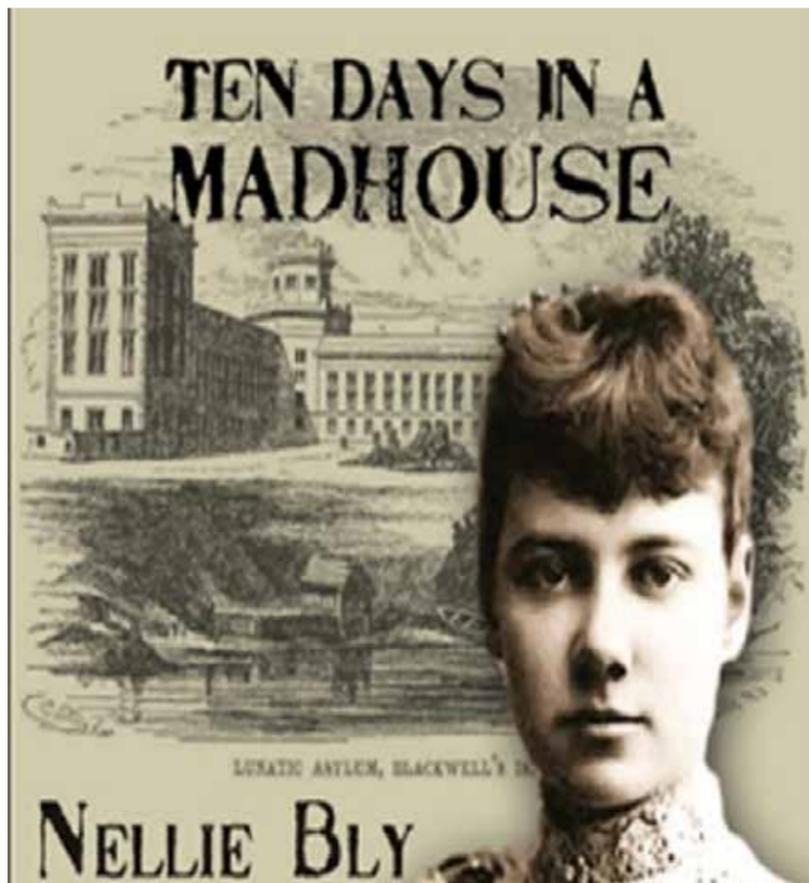
Nellie Bly wrote "Ten Days in a Madhouse" after going into one of New York City's insane asylums under the pretense of being insane, when in reality she was completely sane. As a journalist, she was attempting to uncover the

realities of the insane asylums of her time. To her surprise, she found that most people in the asylum were fairly sane as well, but due to how they were being treated, went insane.

"Ten Days in a Madhouse" sounds like something from 'American Horror Story,'" said Michael Butler, senior. Nellie Bly went into this insane asylum and took notes on the behavior and was amazed to find how doctors and the orderlies treated these patients. Patients were not only physically abused, but also subjected to

dirty clothes, ice cold baths and horrific food. Bly said in her book, "I think I experienced the sensation of a drowning person as they dragged me, gasping, shivering and quaking, from the tub. For once I did look insane."

All students are encouraged to get involved. Any students interested in workshoping "Ten Days in a Madhouse" should visit Vezner's Office in LA 121. A sign-up sheet will be posted about this workshop, and the others to follow, on his door with further information.



Mission U: Making disciples of a new generation

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On Sat., Oct. 4, Abbey West and the Lutheran Hour Ministries hosted an evangelism workshop called Mission U (Mission University). The program equips students and enables them to deal with fears that Christians may have in sharing their faith with others, especially in a university setting. The event posed questions concerning evangelism and its importance today and also gave the attendees an opportunity to share Gospel readings amongst themselves.

Abbey West is a campus ministry that encourages people to join them on the journey toward discipleship. "People are genuinely fearful of what to say and how to say it. Christians don't want to come across as trying to shove their faith down other people's throats," said Vicar Jonathan Ruehs, '95, Residential Coordinator of Spiritual Life in Abbey West. "What we want is for others to hear and come to a saving faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"It is so easy to skip Bible Study to write an exam. Pursuing God definitely takes sacrifice," said sophomore Kendra Sitton when asked how she manages to balance her studies while also being a Local Missions coordinator. And when asked about what she has learned from last weekend's event, Sitton said that "handing out pamphlets out at a mall might be the most efficient way to spread the Gospel, but it certainly is not the most effective. Caring about the person and forming a relationship with them is the

much more effective way."

According to the American Religious Identification Survey, the number of people who identify themselves as Christian has dropped from 85% in 1990 to 76% in 2008. There is an ebb and flow when it comes to participation but "this is a challenge for those already attached to Abbey West. Invite someone who is not currently going with you to an event. You might just be surprised when they say 'Yes!'" Ruehs said. "We don't convert people; only God can change hearts. We are just honored to be called to be ambassadors of the faith."

Sitton said that friendships built on the foundation of Christ are strong. "I only made those friendships by continuing to go to Christian events on campus. Those events are integral in forming lasting friendships," Sitton said.

Many students may find it hard to evangelize; therefore, events like these that offer to equip us to share the Good News are definitely important. If you are interested in developing your relationship with Jesus Christ through Bible study and worship, look for Abbey West posters promoted around campus. The second Saturday of every month, a group visits Christ Lutheran Church in Costa Mesa and helps out with their food distribution event. The third Thursday of every month, you can also join a small group that visits a home for special-needs adults, where they lead devotions for the residents. For more information on how to register for these events, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaIrvineabbeywest>.



International student speaks on professors' podcast

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International student Nokukhanya Shabalala, known around campus as Noks, junior, was featured on the *Virtue in the Wasteland* podcast on Mon., Sept. 29. *Virtue in the Wasteland* is a podcast series hosted by Dr. Daniel van Voorhis, Department Chair of History and Political Thought, and Dr. Jeffrey Mallinson, Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy.

During the podcast, Shabalala was able to share her story about her life in South Africa before education in the United States, her family background and how she was given the opportunity to study at Concordia.

Virtue in the Wasteland is designed "for students to see how professors interact outside of the classroom and what a life of being a curious learner outside the classroom looks like," Mallinson said. "We want to demonstrate humane conversations, the kind that are not about fighting and winning, but about getting to the understanding and truth." The podcast has been running for over a year now featuring many interesting topics and conversations.

During this podcast, Shabalala was able to share her story and background to all listeners. "I didn't feel judged or analyzed; they just wanted to hear my story," she said regarding how comfortable she was speaking to these two professors.

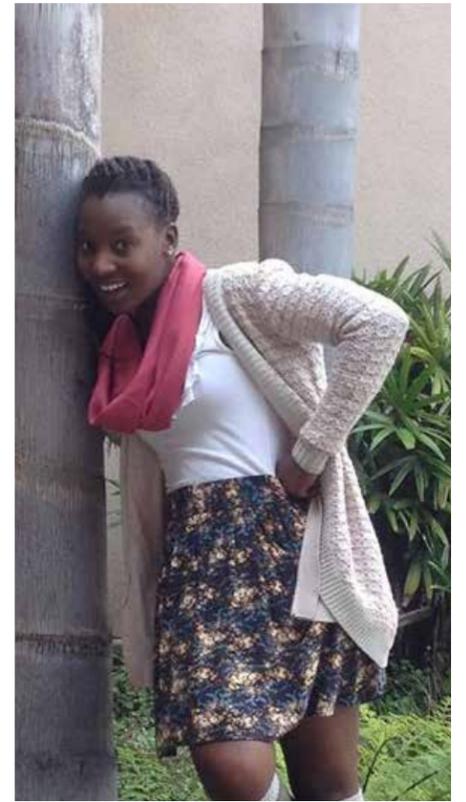
"Her background is so foreign to what we are used to that it was great to get a different perspective on the role of a family and ideas about international relations," van Voorhis said. "(It was interesting to hear) how Christianity is seen in her village as opposed to here in California."

This podcast left a great impact on listeners. "We had a really strong response to Noks' show. We've had people say this was their favorite from the past year of the show," Mallinson said. Philip Bartelt, sophomore, has been a listener of *Virtue in the Wasteland* since last year. He heard about it through Mallinson, his professor at the time. "I decided to check it out and it turned out to be really interesting," Bartelt said.

Outside of her studies, Shabalala is very involved on campus. She is currently the presi-

dent of the Global Citizens Club and one of the Resident Assistants for the Global Village Living Learning Community (LLC). Shabalala enjoys being an RA because "it's an understanding of being an international student all together," she said. "Before becoming an RA, I understood the struggle and the culture shock." The Global Village community is available to all students, international or local. The community helps bring all people together, which Shabalala loves. After graduation, Shabalala hopes to go back to Africa and "plow back all the seeds I have been collecting here."

If you missed this show or would like to listen to more podcasts, visit www.virtueinthewasteland.com/the-show.html or search *Virtue in the Wasteland* on iTunes.



Junior Nokukhanya "Noks" Shabalala

Prosit to the weekend: Oktoberfest is under way

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When it comes to food and fun -- Germans do it best. Step into your lederhosen or dirndl and head over to the Anaheim Phoenix Club for their final weekends of Oktoberfest running until Sun., Oct. 26. While attending this boisterous day filled with German-themed activities, an attendee can expect live music, delicious food, a welcoming crowd and an unforgettable adventure.

I was overwhelmed with delight while walking toward the event when the familiar organ-like sound of the accordion erupted through my ears; the band was playing the "Chicken Dance." I immediately pictured my Oma flapping her arms in the chicken-like motion I knew all too well, which I then replicated for my audience of no one. Once inside the gate, I knew I had to get in line for the food and drink tickets. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased at multiple booths in the event area. I eagerly clenched my cash to exchange for tickets. The women selling the tickets could have been straight out of Munich with their less-than-joyous faces, although their customer service was of no interest to me; I was on a mission for beer and brats.

Priority one: quench the thirst. The line for beer was long, but I was willing to wait for the prize at the end. The band chanted, "Zicke, zacke, zicke, zacke. Hoi, hoi, hoi," which essentially translates to "drink," and I contend to agree with the Germans on this issue. I was mildly entertained by the myriad of costumes among the event-goers, including bearded men in their earth-tone lederhosen as well as the well-endowed beer maidens with their dirndl and braided pigtails. German beer enthusiast

Brandon Wheatley has been going to Oktoberfest in the Orange County area for a number of years. He even collects German pins for his Tyrolean hat, which he wore with his authentic green wool lederhosen. Wheatley "enjoys the community and camaraderie of the Phoenix Club Oktoberfest" and also "likes the young crowd that isn't afraid to have a good time." Wheatley's one critique was that he would have liked to experience the authentic German band, which wasn't available until later in October.

Priority two: I have to eat a brat. The sound of the juicy bratwursts sizzling and popping

as their skin caramelized over the piping hot grill was a like a symphony to my ears. While in line, Oktoberfest-goer Amanda McNab was also awaiting her German sausage. She had never been to the Anaheim Oktoberfest before and was excited to see all of the costumes at the event. McNab said that she "enjoyed the fact that she was able to experience the culture of such a fun German event without actually having to travel to Germany."

With beer and brat in hand, I headed for the tent filled with singing, dancing, drinking fun. Among the many picnic-style tables, I found a

vacant spot and plopped down excitedly, ready to gorge on my plate of meat and carbs. Young couple Aimee Poliquin and Roy McDonough were really looking forward to the event. Their favorite part was "definitely the tower of leftover beer cups stacked to form the beer pyramid," Poliquin said.

This is a cash-only event so make sure to have some on hand for possible parking fees and food/drink tickets. For more information about the Phoenix Club Oktoberfest or for day-of activities, visit thephoenixclub.com/oktoberfest. Prosit!



Brandon Wheatley (left) and Trenton Berry (right) show off their authentic German garb at Oktoberfest

Diggin' Pink for breast cancer awareness

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The Women's Volleyball team will compete in their annual Dig Pink game next Fri., Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in the CU Arena. Concordia will be playing against #2-ranked University of Texas, Brownsville, and is expected to be one of their biggest games this season. The Women's Volleyball team has been able to hold an impressive record of 22-2 this season and is still going strong.

The Dig Pink game has been a crowd favorite for the past few years. Ryan Murphy, sophomore, said that he cannot wait to go to this year's game and dress up for a good cause. Everyone is encouraged to wear as much pink as possible to promote and support Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Kyra Auten, freshman middle blocker, said she is most excited to be in this game because they are playing for anyone that has been affect-

ed by breast cancer. The women will show their support by wearing their pink jerseys and pink socks. Reanna Schelhass, senior middle blocker, said that the Dig Pink game is especially important to her since she has seen firsthand how breast cancer can affect someone and the others around them.

Kristin Lampe, junior Screaming Eagles coordinator, said they are expecting a huge turnout this year and have tons of pink to go around. They will be giving out 100 bandanas as well as pom-poms for the students to cheer with. There will also be \$5 Dig Pink t-shirts for sale that students can purchase before the game.

The Screaming Eagles will host a cool new game between the second and third games of the match for students to get involved in. Along with games, ASCUI will be there with their prize wheel giving away tons of cool prizes.

The Women's Volleyball team has been doing well this season. The team has many new

players, which turned out to be very beneficial for the team. They have been able to not only form strong friendships, but a strong team bond as well. "We get along really well; we are playing for the girl next to us, not just ourselves," Schelhass said. Auten agreed that the bond of the team has really had an impact on their game but also the coaching staff as well. "Our coaches do a great job of helping us to get 1% better every practice," Auten said.

The team has been practicing hard since the Dig Pink game is against longtime rival Texas Brownsville. Schelhass said that there has always been a rivalry between these two schools because they are usually the top teams.

Be sure to come and support breast cancer awareness and the Women's Volleyball team by wearing pink next Friday at 7 p.m. in the CU Arena. For more information on the Lady Eagles, check out cuieagles.com

Cross Country keeps pushing

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On Sat., Oct. 25, the Cross Country team will continue their efforts at Biola's NAIA West Coast Jamboree at the Irvine Regional Park. As the season progresses, the small team continues to improve. Most recently, the team competed at the 25th annual Vanguard Invitational with some of their best times to date.

At the Vanguard Invitational, the women took 12th place for the 5k and the men took seventh place for the 8k overall. The team altogether has 14 runners, including six women and eight men, which makes their placement at the invitational that much more impressive.

Leading each race for the team were juniors Ashley Bell, who took fourth place for the women, and Robert Blackwell, who took 13th place for the men. Bell was only 0.11 seconds away from taking third place. The improved placement, however, was not due only to these two runners, but to the whole team's improvement. Ten out of the 11 Eagles runners ran their best times at Vanguard.

Much of the recent success can be attributed to the team's chemistry. An important component to the team dynamic is camaraderie. Meghan Belchere, junior, said that everyone is welcoming and nice, and that they are all friends both in and out of practice. Having a strong team dynamic makes growth much easier in this sport.

Another important variable for the team is the new coaching staff. The season started with a good relationship between new head coach Danny Bowman and the team, and that relationship has only grown stronger. "[Bowman] always keeps the positivity flowing," Belchere said. With Bowman's ability to push his team through some grueling practices while maintaining positivity, it was obvious that the team would grow. The supportive team and encouraging coaches have now built their bond which will hopefully bring back a championship for the school.

Stay up-to-date on all of the details of the Cross Country team and their races on cuieagles.com.

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Heritage Garden continues to grow

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On Sat., Oct. 11, the Heritage Garden Club devoted their day to sprucing up an area of land on campus. This month, Heritage Garden supporters have helped make the garden come to life with creative ideas to get everyone in the fall spirit. They have added unique scarecrows that have been decorated in a Concordia fashion. There is even a spot where students can put their

face inside and take a selfie. Adding to the effect of the dawn of a new season is a bright yellow sunflower and bursting orange tomatoes.

The Heritage Garden, located near the Egypt parking lot, is a peaceful environment for all ages. "I have learned that with a little bit of patience, a sprinkle of love and a lot of sunshine, amazing things can be produced from the ground. I feel like the same thing can be said when it comes to building relationships with other people," said Piper Walker, junior.

The garden will continue to serve as a great playground on campus for children and families who live on or near the campus.

One of the most rewarding parts for Heritage Garden Club president Lacey Henry is to experience how much the club has progressed in such a short amount of time. "Seeing the growth of the garden from its start as a flat patch of dirt to its current state is truly amazing," Henry said. With the efforts of students, faculty and community members, it has become a success.

"Getting to meet with the community of all ages and working together is a really fun experience," said Wesley Spottiswood, sophomore. It is about creating a safe environment where people can join with one another and form community.

The Heritage Garden Club has accomplished so much since their founding just last spring. Professor Thea Gavin, Professor of English and Heritage Garden Coordinator, has partnered with the head ranger of the Orange County Parks in order to work together to accomplish habitat restoration. According to Gavin, "We provide the labor, and they provide the plants." The Heritage Garden Club is not only developing connections outside the Concordia community; on Oct. 29, they will join with the poetry and book club on campus. Famous poems from poets such as Edgar Allan Poe will be read aloud as individuals relax in the tranquil garden setting.

The pristine area will also function and serve as an interdisciplinary classroom for subjects such as anthropology and biology. Additionally, it will serve as a place for students to give presentations and performances. Future planning has been made to create a small amphitheater on the grounds. Its multifunctional design will benefit the students and faculty who call Concordia home.

One of the goals that will become a reality for the club very soon is to have student plots. Plots are areas of land where shrubs, herbs and flowers are cultivated. Each plot will be disbursed by lottery. The areas will allow a group of three or four friends to maintain their portion of the garden while bonding together throughout the school year.

Students are encouraged to look at the Heritage Garden blog on the Concordia website for a description of the club, photos and upcoming events.

