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COMMUNAL: STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE



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It is 4:45 on a Wednesday afternoon at Redeemer University College and the lobby is filled with eager students ready to eat their weekly communal meal. For some students, communal is one of the weekly highlights; a chance to eat among friends, over a good meal. For other's, whether valid or not they choose not to come to communal for various reasons. Yet others find themselves somewhere in the middle, still sorting through their own thoughts on communal.

At the end of last year, the Dining Committee conducted an extensive food services survey. The survey asked students to rate their satisfaction level in different areas of food services including communal meal and the student meal plan, Refresh, Williams Fresh Cafe and The Market.

Students were asked to rate areas such as variety, value vs price paid, speed of service, quality of ingredients, friendliness of staff, cleanliness etc. The results of the survey in response to the communal meal showed the three biggest concerns for students regarding communal were price, variety, and quality of ingredients.

After meeting with Doreen Gringhuis, Director of Campus Services, responsible for overseeing Food Services at Redeemer and with Maggie Bullata, Director of Food Services at Redeemer, (employed by Sodexo) it is clear they are doing their best to alleviate any concerns about communal. "Campus Services is dedicated to ensuring that student's experience at communal is a positive one. In light of this we will continue to work with Food Services to ensure that students receive value, variety, and that the atmosphere at each communal is wel-

coming," said Gringhuis.

Gringhuis, Bullata and their team have already addressed several concerns raised by the survey. They have added a third service line meaning 75 extra students can get through in the same amount of time. They have also dropped the dreaded pork chops from the menu and are looking at adding other alternatives including a pasta bar. Vegan options were available in previous years but they have also added a gluten free option. As for the desert portion of communal they hope to implement a few more build your own options including the caramel apples already enjoyed at the thanksgiving communal as well as an ice cream sundae bar in the near future.

The changes are not going unnoticed. 2nd year student Erin Booy had this to say. "I've been more impressed with communal this year than last. Communal has been great." 1st year

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Patricia Verbeek has also been impressed. "There is always lots of food options and I always come away full!" The recent thanksgiving communal was met with rave reviews with many students saying it was the best communal they have had since coming to Redeemer.

Varsity athletes have expressed concerns with practice times and communal. Unfortunately for varsity athletes take-out dishes will not be added to the communal experience so they will have to continue juggling their schedule. This is no different than most other universities in Canada. Almost every university in Canada has the same policy: No food leaves the dining hall when purchased on the school's meal plan.

It is no secret that students in the past have talked negatively about their communal meal experience. Some have complained about price, others over quality, and some just complain. 2nd year student and previous food services employee Natalya Berg thinks the bad reputation is exaggerated. "There are obviously concerns with communal, but the extent of the complaints are overboard and unnecessary," said Berg. "The students are taking advantage of the service they are being provided with."

Some students say it is the food waste they are most concerned about. What actually happens to the left overs? Berg had this to say, "obviously food is thrown out sometimes, however it is due to the strict government food regulations and has nothing to do with Redeemer or Sodexo. We follow the same regulations as any other food establishment in Ontario, unfortunately this means that yes, some food is wasted."

Although students have been more impressed with communal this year price seems to be a sticking point. Many people think \$13 is too steep of a price. Second year Kim Stewart is one of those people. "I really like the community aspect of communal but the price seems a little high. \$13 is too much." After speaking with quite a few students, many re-iterated those sentiments. "Communal gets quite pricey after a while but I go for the experience – the experience of friends sharing a meal together," said commuter Anthony Ramusca. After comparing communal with other food options in the area it appears communals price isn't too far out of the norm, in fact, it is cheaper than most equivalent food options in the area (see table below).

Just over 200 students responded to the survey conducted late last year so these changes are due to the 25% who responded to the survey. Campus services hopes to conduct another survey in early 2013 to see if the changes have been working. On top of an additional survey Gringhuis offers students other ways to give feedback. "In the near future Campus Services working together with Student Senate will be conducting focus groups in which students can address concerns or offer feedback regarding communal"

While there will be legitimate concerns over communal, it seems the bulk of the complaining is uniformed. For now, students should simply sit back, and eat up!



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How does communal stack up against competition?

Kelsey's
7 Layer Dip 12.79*
Basic Sirloin Burger 14.07*+

Montanas
Double Dusted Chicken Wings 13.55*
Ceaser Salad without chicken 11.89* +
Chicken Strips 16.62*

Jack Astors
Grilled Chicken Quesedilla 14.50*
Chicken Parmesagn 20.42*

Mandarin Chinese Buffet - 22.59 **

Faloneys Steak and Smoke House
Pulled Pork Sand-which 15.30*
Mcdonalds

Big Mac – 8.12**

Pizza Pizza
12" medium pepperoni pizza 11.28**

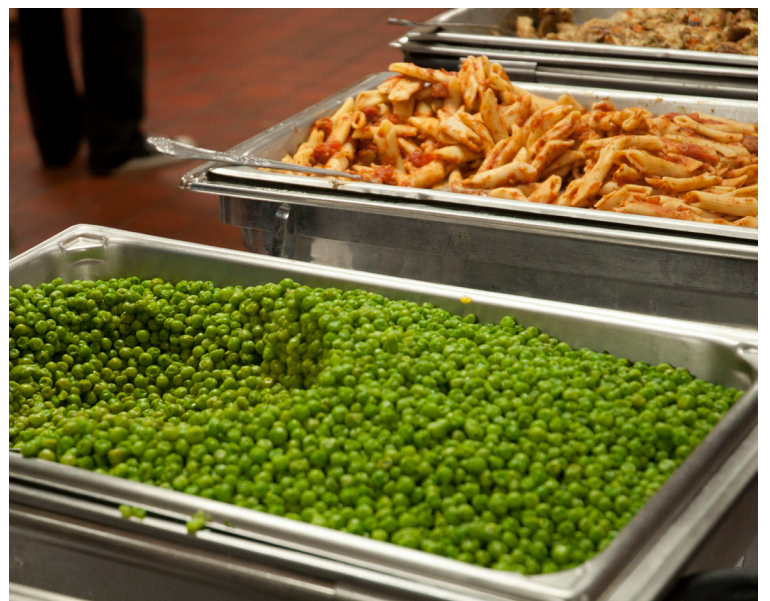
* Tax and Tip included
+ Lowest cost of a main dish
** Tax included

Communal by the numbers

125 - The amount in pounds of potatoes used for the thanksgiving communal meal

60 - The number of loaves of bread used to make the stuffing

390 - The amount in pounds of turkey served at thanksgiving communal



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Cardus Launch Survey: What is the real value behind Christian education?

BECKY CONNELL
CROWN REPORTER

On September 26th, 2012, Redeemer University College hosted the Cardus Education Survey: a measurement of the value of Christian education when compared with other non-governmental schools.

The survey began in 2006, conducted in the United States and Canada, with interviews of 200 Canadian and American principals and 2,000 Canadian secondary school alumni between the ages of 23 to 39. The survey established that their education goals are to be Christian (personally and shared), credible (of top research), and public (engaging in public conversation). The results were characterized into five types of people: Debbie (Home School Religious), Edward (Independent Non-Religious), Rachel (Christian), Samantha (Public Catholic), and Jonathan (Independent Catholic).

Ray Pennings, researcher and speaker, said, "Measurement is a good thing, even when the results aren't everything we would wish for." With this in mind, the discoveries of the survey should be reviewed as an educational tool for areas where Christian education can improve, as well as an encouragement in areas where it has succeeded.

On a spiritual basis, Christian school alumni seemed to demonstrate more of an active spiritual life than their peers. Christian and home-schooled students were the only two to say that God is a personal being and to be frequently involved in their church and tithing.

In the model of the above-listed characters, Debbie was the least likely to eat meals as a family, most likely to find conflict with science, and the best connected with her community. Edward is likely to volunteer the most, Rachel the most likely to volunteer with youth, and Jonathan is most likely to be involved in sports.

Academically, Christian and home-schooled students are the least likely to pursue education beyond high school. However, Christian students



who choose to advance in academics are more likely to get their masters, and home-schooled students are more likely to get their PhD. In addition, Christian schools were academically the weakest.

Alarming, Christian school alumni claimed to be concerned with the environment above all other interviewees, yet there was very little action behind their words to improve the environmental situation.

According to the Education Act of Ontario, "the purpose of education is to provide students with the opportunity to realize their potential and de-

velop into highly skilled, knowledgeable, caring citizens who contribute to society." Students and parents must consider what skill, knowledge, and care means to them when attending or endorsing whichever type of education they use.

Pennings concluded the survey by stating, "If Christian education is worth doing it's worth measuring, if worth measuring, it's worth improving."

For a free data pack and full report visit: www.carduseducationsurvey.com

What is senate up to?

DANICA THOMSEN

This year looks like it's going to be a year of change for Senate. We have a fairly young group of students, which will hopefully provide continuity for future years. These students are vibrant, well-known within the student body, and very dedicated and eager to meet students' needs. Our group is overflowing with ideas to make aspects of Redeemer more effective and exciting for students. Most of all, I can see a real desire to serve God in all of Senate, and having God as the foundation and head of our organization will absolutely make us a force for positive development at Redeemer.

So, what are we doing this year to be more effective? First, we are trying to be transparent to students. Our meetings are open for anyone to attend and, as always, we post our minutes on the Senate bulletin board so you can see what we are doing on a weekly basis. I know that in the past students have often asked questions and made comments but never heard anything back. This is not because we don't discuss your questions or concerns; rather, we haven't been 100% effective in communicating the answers to you, and for that I apologize. This year, we will be diligently working to not only discuss student concerns at meetings and post the answers in the minutes, but also to more effectively communicate the answers so that students hear the results, through personal and student-wide emails and panels.

Second, we are bringing back praying before Senate meetings. At 9:45pm every Tuesday outside room 218 we get together to pray for our meeting, student concerns, and for wisdom. Students are most welcome to send requests by email to sasc.senate@redeemer.ca and to attend this time of prayer. We hope that by starting our meetings off on the right foot with a focus on God, we will make better decisions and strengthen our group.

We are also really encouraging

clubs to use their budgets to have more events, and to advertise to gain new members.

You may also have heard about some exciting changes coming to the Rec Center. We are behind these, and can't wait to share what we are planning with you!

Finally, we are corresponding more with students. You may have noticed weekly emails from me, letting you know what Senate is doing (and ultimately where some of those student fees go!). We are also using our Facebook page (search: Redeemer University College Student Senate) and creating events. Also, stay tuned next month for an update to our webspace, www.redeemer.ca/senate, which will include our updated information for this year's positions as well as a section for information on all of our clubs, what they do, and whom to contact to get involved.

Each year, Senate has struggled to remain relevant to students as overall interest declines and apathy reigns. We hope these changes will help you connect with us more easily and that we will remain relevant to you. We need your participation to make Student Senate as effective as it can be. You get what you pay for. We work for you so we need to know what's on your mind. As always, we encourage students to bring suggestions, questions, or concerns to us directly, or by email to senate@redeemer.ca. Let us know what we can do to serve you better, or what we are doing well so we can keep it up! We look forward to serving you this year and helping to keep Redeemer a great place.



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ROYALS HOME OPENER

Wednesday October 31st
Women's Volleyball vs. Mohawk Mountaineers 6pm
Men's Volleyball vs. Mohawk Mountaineers 8pm



PHOTO BY JENNA BOS

Unsung Heros of Redeemer

This Month: Jane Haanstra



Jane Haanstra is the first face seen at Redeemer by newcomers, students, staff and faculty alike. She serves as an outstanding employee and friend to many, with the ability to make all who come her way feel welcome and loved. Jane is Redeemer's office manager and is the smiling face behind the desk which people cannot help but notice as they first enter Redeemer. Her job encompasses a range of assistance in the fields of career opportunities, expertise and reference requests, job inquiries, business deals, etc. However, Jane is being recognized as Re-

deemer's Unsung Hero because she goes well beyond this description. She is an integral part of Redeemer, mysteriously knowing student's birthdays and making all who come her way feel valuable. Sandi Buwalda, Jane's supervisor, said, "Jane is the welcoming face in the Main Office reception area, greeting everyone who comes into the office (both internal and external visitors) with a warm smile, making each person feel their needs are important to Redeemer." Student worker, Nicole Hansma, had plenty to say: "She is always dressed to the nines just to serve us humble Redeemer students and other visitors to Redeemer and probably knows more about the students and staff at Redeemer than anyone else." On her character, Hansma said, "[She] never has a bad word to say about anyone and is extremely dedicated to her job - even when she almost lost her voice this summer due to a bad cold, you could still find her sitting at her desk and cheerfully answering the phone." Perhaps most importantly, "she knows how to judge (and make) a good cup of coffee" and "is a second mother to students away from home." Thank you for all the joy that you bring to Redeemer Jane!

IF YOU KNOW OF AN UNSUNG REDEEMER HERO, NOMIATE THEM AT THECROWN@REDEEMER.CA

I am a twenty-something surrounded by twenty-somethings

JULIA SODERHOLM
CROWN REPORTER

I am a twenty-something surrounded by twenty-somethings. My school is made up of my peers; my church is, essentially, entirely within my own generation; even my part-time job seems to be out of a scene from a college movie, where everyone in the cast appears to be not only beautiful but also inevitably within the same age bracket. And as much as this has its advantages and I love the communities that I'm a part of, there is an undeniable disparity I feel in this fairly homogenized world of youth. By limiting ourselves to relationships that are mainly within our own peer group, are we missing something important? Harry Van Belle, retired Psychology professor, counselor, and writer, believes that we are, and he explores exactly what that may mean in his latest book "Intergeneration Lost and Found: Why suits and skirts don't talk with jeans, why they should, and how they can."

Professor Van Belle is at once easy to talk to and eager to discuss his ideas on intergenerational relationships. He jumps quickly into a topic he is clearly passionate about, explaining that he has realized through several mentoring relationships just how different

young people are from him—both as he is now and as he was at their age. This, he explains, creates a disconnect that is frightening and, frankly, causes many people of his generation to cast something of a negative view on young people. This disconnect between generations appears to be getting bigger as youth are faced with more freedom and more ways of looking at the world than ever before. To respect and appreciate what is different about those within an age group different from your own, "you have to embrace the otherness of others," he explains. He believes the mentor and reverse-mentor relationship is vital for both involved—that both the older and the younger have a great deal to learn about the other. The key is to not try to change one another and to be open to what we might learn.

I asked him what this might look like in a church community. Specifically, why it matters for different generations to be in relationship with one another and practical ways for this to happen. His first piece of advice is for young people to find a mentor—and not just anyone that seems far enough away from you in age can do the job. Find someone who interests you, who shares similar passions. Not only will it make for better conversation, it

also allows opportunity for growth in multiple areas of your life, including those areas that you are particularly passionate about. He spoke of the role of youth and emerging adults in the church: "Young people tend to be absent from church on Sunday. I regret that not for them, but for us too. Church without young people fossilizes, becomes stale." Van Belle urges young people to find ways to be involved in their church communities, particularly by seeking out opportunities for leadership. Church doesn't need to be one generation leading another. Rather, a collaborative effort of young and old that uses the gifts of the community as a whole seems to look a lot more like the Kingdom.

Professor Van Belle's thoughtful and well-researched book explores these topics and more with a great deal of insight and clarity. It is available for purchase at the Redeemer Bookstore.

P-ROFL-SAYS

"WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY - SPIDERMAN 3:16" - PROFESSOR BARKMAN

"YOU CAN'T PROCREATE BY YOURSELF; YOU'VE GOT ALL THESE RESOURCES! GET BUSY!" DR. JUILFS

"I'M NOT ANTI-BALD OR ANYTHING." DR. FABER

"WHEN A PLAGUE BROKE OUT, THE THEATRE WAS THE FIRST PLACE TO CLOSE DOWN. BECAUSE WHEN THERE'S A PLAGUE YOU DON'T GO TO WHERE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE. EXCEPT CHURCH. BECAUSE THERE'S NO PLAGUE IN CHURCH. AND YOU HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO DIE. BECAUSE AS SOON AS YOU LEAVE CHURCH, YOU'RE GOING TO DIE OF THE PLAGUE." DR. FABER

"I WAS BORN IN THE STATES AND WE WERE TAUGHT THAT WE NEVER LOST A WAR. THEN I CAME TO CANADA AND FOUND OUT THE WAR OF 1812 WASN'T ACTUALLY A DRAW; YOU GUYS BURNED THE WHITE HOUSE!" DR. PAYTON

"I'M NOT DUTCH; MY WIFE IS DUTCH. I'M REFORMED; THAT'S BETTER." DR. PAYTON

"HE WAS FROM A VERY STRICT CHURCH. I WON'T GIVE ANY DETAILS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GIVE BAPTISTS A HARD TIME." DR. PAYTON

"I CAN'T SAY THE CONJUGATED WORD FOR THE PHRASE 'PIANO PLAYER' WITHOUT LAUGHING". -PROFESSOR BARKMAN

IN THE CONTEXT OF DISCUSSING SEX WITHIN MARRIAGE AND HOW MEN AND WOMEN STRIVE FOR DIFFERENT THINGS SUCH AS EMOTIONAL INTIMACY AND PHYSICAL INTIMACY. "MEN ARE LIFE MICROWAVES AND WOMEN ARE LIKE SLOW COOKERS." DR. HAAS

IN REPLY TO A COMMENT THAT NO ONE ARGUES THAT IT IS WRONG TO HELP THE POOR "EXCEPT, PERHAPS, MITT ROMNEY" DR. BEN DUNSON

Student Senate: Who We are and What We Do

DANICA THOMSEN

Student Senate, for those who don't know, is the student government body here at Redeemer. We act as a liaison between students and administration, and our vision is to glorify God through all of our actions, seeking to advance His kingdom and to promote a spirit of service within the student body. Because this is a very broad scope, we narrow it down into thirteen positions filled by dedicated students. We have a President, who chairs our meetings, provides direction, and regularly meets with administration. We have three vice presidents: Finance (Nathan Verbaan), who handles the budgets for clubs and advises on financial issues; Student Affairs (Hannah Giles), who brings student concerns to Senate, assists the President, and organizes panels; and Communications (myself, Danica Thomsen), who handles all correspondence through senate@redeemer.ca, puts announcements in the Timeout, sends out weekly emails, and manages the Senate Facebook Page. We also have our first year senators who each serve as an assistant to one of the vice presidents and sit on either the SASC or Activities Committees: Anna Marie Benjamins (Finance), John Handal (Student Affairs), and Justine Ruddle (Communications).

We have two committee chairs: our Spiritual Activities and Services Committee (SASC) Chair (Holly Czepek), who runs events such as 24/7 Prayer

Week, Hotspot, and Fall and Winter Retreat; and our Activities Chair (Jacqueline Slater) who puts on events such as Coffeehouse, Harvest Hoe-down, and Banquet.

We also have four General Senators: our Information Officer (David Feddema), who maintains our bulletin board and takes meeting minutes; the Mature, International, and Commuter (MIC) Representative (John Schuurman), who puts on events such as Commuter Cafe and international student outings; the Senate Clubs Coordinator (Erin Booy), who oversees the Crown, Minstrel, Anno Domini, and Rec Center and hires people to fill their positions; and our Student Clubs Coordinator, who oversees all of the other clubs on campus and puts together the Club Showcase at the beginning of the year.

A lot of what Senate does can be summed up as running events, handling club budgets and the busing system, and bringing student concerns to administration. We strive to make godly decisions, using the money you give us through student fees in a stewardly manner that benefits you!



LIVE IN THE CITY: WHAT’S ON IN HAMILTON—OCTOBER 2012

COPPS COLLISEUM

Rascal Flatts, Little Big Town, and Eli Young Band. Friday, October 12, 2012. 7:00 PM
Marianas Trench. Saturday, October 13, 2012. 7:00 PM
Bruce Springsteen. Sunday, October 21, 2012. 8:00 PM

THE CASBAH

DOA Farewell Tour. Thursday, October 11, 2012. Casbah Lounge -- \$20.00
The Pack A.D. & Topanga. Friday, October 12, 2012. Casbah Lounge -- \$15.00
Cheap Girls & The Front Bottoms. Tuesday, October 16, 2012. Casbah -- \$10.00
White Cowbell Oklahoma Halloween. Saturday, October 20, 2012. Casbah --\$15.00
Ladyhawk. Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Casbah -- \$10.00
Hey Ocean. Thursday, October 25, 2012. Casbah -- \$15.00
Paper Lions (Prince Edward Island). Sunday, October 28, 2012. Casbah -- \$10.00
Grapes of Wrath Greatest Hits Tour. Monday, October 29, 2012 Casbah --\$20.00

HAMILTON PLACE

Basia Bulat w/ the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra. Saturday, October 13, 2012. 7:30 PM
Joel Plaskett. Friday, October 19, 2012. 8:00 PM
Joe Avati. Saturday, October 27, 2012. 8:00 PM

MOLSON CANADIAN STUDIO AT HAMILTON PLACE

Bob Geldof. Thursday, October 11, 2012. 8:00 PM
Denzal Sinclair. Friday, October 12, 2012. 8:00 PM
Dragonette. Saturday, October 13, 2012. 8:00 PM
The Wooden Sky. Thursday, October 18, 2012. 8:00 PM
Patrizio Buanne. Friday, October 19, 2012. 8:00 PM
The Strawbs. Saturday, October 20, 2012. 7:00 PM
The Beauties. Friday, October 26, 2012. 8:00 PM
Dan Hill. Saturday, October 27, 2012. 8:00 PM
Death From Above 1979. Sunday, October 28, 2012. 9:00 PM

Bennett’s - Support Your Local Planet

JULIA SODERHOLM
CROWN REPORTER

On a recent morning, while biking down Garner for an early class, I was hit suddenly with the warm smell of cinnamon and fresh baking wafting through the air. It took me a second to register what I was smelling, but then I realized I had just passed Bennett’s Apples, the family-owned market and bakery less than a kilometre down the road from Redeemer.

Bennett’s is easy to take for granted, or even to pass by as we fly past it on the bus, in our cars, or on our bikes on the way to school. Yet, I promise, it is worth the five-minute walk from campus. A small but bustling market featuring fresh produce, homemade bakery items and, of course, apples from its own extensive orchards, Bennett’s supports local farmers and offers its patrons fresh, wholesome food. It is a refreshing and easily accessible alternative to a supermarket, and you can be certain you are supporting not only local farmers, but also a local business.

So why is it so important to buy local food, anyway? Isn’t it just another fad for hipsters and foodies to adopt, some “save the world” mantra that will die away as surely as hot yoga and Livestrong bracelets? Fortunately, it’s not just a fad—it’s an important and necessary lifestyle change that is surprisingly feasible because of places like Bennett’s.

For one thing, local food is more flavourful. Because buying local also means buying food when it’s in season, fresh produce is at its most delicious. Strawberry rhubarb pie is a dessert that’s meant for the summer! Apples from the orchard in September are juicier and crisper than any apple packaged up and flown across a border. If flavour matters to you, eating locally and in season is the only way

to go. But it’s about much more than just flavour; eating locally is a practical way to reduce our “food miles” and, thereby, our ecological footprint. Produce, meat, and other goods shipped from overseas or the States use a tremendous amount of fossil fuels. Is eating a strawberry in January really worth the amount of pollution it took to get it here? Is there not something valuable in letting everything have its season, in waiting until July to eat those berries from our own soil? As much as I appreciate a great avocado or a juicy navel orange, eating those fruits at certain times of the year simply doesn’t align with the responsibility we have to treat the earth with care. Eating locally allows you to make food choices that are responsible and informed.

Local food also supports family farms and businesses in the area, which strengthens our local economy. In fact, Bennett’s has been operating for over 100 years because of its dedicated patrons. If you’re invested in Hamilton, supporting small businesses like this one is a way of supporting the city you love. It’s also a way of widening your community and adding value to what you consume. By meeting the people who are growing, baking, and selling your food, you can put a face and a name behind what you eat.

A supermarket full of food shipped in from around the world will not be able to guarantee you that your fruits and vegetables are free of herbicides and pesticides. It cannot offer you homemade products or intimate knowledge of each variety of apple that can only be gained from growing and harvesting them personally. Shopping at Bennett’s may not save the world, but it will certainly make a difference to your city, your environment, and your taste buds.



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Trinity Western faculty contemplate unionization

JUSTIN POULSEN
MARS' HILL
TRINITY WESTERN UNIVER-
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LANGLEY (CUP) — Early last spring semester, a number of faculty members at Trinity Western University (TWU) approached a member of the Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC), informally talking about how they could make some changes within the TWU workplace.

*They began as a self-organized group, gathering information and slowly expanding, and at the end of August they sent out an email to all of their colleagues letting them know about their efforts.

This was the first time many of the faculty and administration had discussed the idea of unionizing and many students are still unfamiliar with it. We interviewed Professor Myron Penner and Provost Bob Wood — two representatives on this issue — to provide us with some more details.*

MARS HILL: Why does some of the faculty see a need for a union?

MYRON PENNER: Trinity has developed into a highly complex organization, which is great, and yet the human resources infrastructure to support it hasn't necessarily developed at the same rate. It's not anyone's fault in particular; these things just require more attention. There are no axes to grind. It's simply time for Trinity to take significant steps in filling the gaps that still exist within its framework.

MH: What is administration's position on some of the faculty pursuing unionization?

BOB WOOD: Senior leadership would prefer not to have a unionized faculty at TWU. Trinity has been built on the strength of community and relationships. We believe that there are alternative means by which the concerns of faculty can be addressed, and we are open to exploring those options with faculty.

MH: What are some of the benefits of potentially unionizing?

MP: Unionizing the faculty would immediately put together a mechanism which would provide them with access to a whole host of experts to help articulate the best practices found in other universities. It would allow us to change the relationship between



Philosophy Professor Myron Penner

faculty and administration in positive ways while still allowing us to maintain those relationships with administration that are already serving us well.

The most fundamental change would be that the key terms of our employment would be negotiated. Employees and employers would be required to bargain in good faith. And I think there's already a lot of good faith between us, but at present we lack a clear mechanism for discussing employment issues.

MH: What are some of the challenges of unionization?

BW: It is difficult to determine precisely what challenges might result from the faculty forming a union. One of the changes that we anticipate would be a change in the culture of the uni-

versity. Historically, we have enjoyed a very collegial working environment, with little differentiation between faculty and management. It would be unfortunate if this were diminished in any way. We would much prefer to conduct university business in direct relationship with faculty rather than through an external third party.

MH: What stage is the conversation currently at?

BW: We are in an early stage of the process. The faculty who are organizing the unionization drive are, with the assistance of a third party, hosting information sessions regarding unionization. Senior leadership has also held some information sessions for faculty. The tone of these meetings has been very respectful. We are not yet in a "negotiation" phase.



Provost Bob Wood

MP: What's happening now is that the faculty are beginning to have conversations about if we even want to have a vote to unionize. Each faculty member has the opportunity to sign a card indicating their support for holding a vote. These cards must be re-signed every 90 days in order for them to remain valid. If 45 per cent of the proposed bargaining unit, determined by the Labour Board, signs cards indicating they'd like a vote, then the Labour Board conducts a vote within ten days.

MH: Anything else you'd like to let us know?

BW: Senior leadership at Trinity Western University recognizes that the faculty has the legal right to choose to join a union, or to choose not to join a union. While senior leadership would

not have chosen to find ourselves in this process, we are viewing it as an opportunity to listen to concerns and work with faculty to address those concerns. Throughout this process and in the years to come, the university will remain committed to delivering the high quality academic experience that it is known for.

MP: There are currently 15 universities in British Columbia, 11 of which have a faculty union. In many respects Trinity counts itself as part of these 11 in terms of our scope and quality of education. But that by itself shouldn't tell us if we should have a union. Trinity is unique in many respects and so the question is, "Is a union right for Trinity?"

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Obama hoping to hold on for win



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With a month left to go before the November 6 U.S. elections, Gallup polls have Mitt Romney trailing Barack Obama among likely voters. While Romney enjoys an edge in the male, investor, and upper income demographics, Obama has consistently enjoyed the support of women, young people, and lower income Americans and has led all polling by 7% until last week's debates. His lead over Romney spiked last month after a video emerged showing Romney at a private fundraiser complaining to wealthy campaign donors that "47 percent of Americans pay no income tax" and that this meant his role was "not to worry about those people" because he'd "never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

Romney, the son of a state governor whose parents' financial well-being and political connections allowed him to grow up attending elite private

schools before getting a degree from Harvard, didn't respond to an e-mail asking how he could consider himself to be in a position to lecture anybody about "taking personal responsibility." This is likely a good move on Romney's part, as answering the repeated questions about his privilege and perspectives on economic opportunity would likely betray a lack of understanding of the problems average Americans deal with. However, the American public may already be attuned to the fact that a man who thinks "middle income" is \$250,000 probably doesn't understand their everyday concerns and struggles. Therefore it's unsurprising that Romney's "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" narrative, epitomized by his 47 percent speech and lack of any insight into the causes of things like structural poverty, is making him unpopular with all the but the most privileged (white male) voters.

Mitt Romney, despite all his privilege, did not get where he is with out at least some modicum of intelligence.

Wisely, he has responded to the public's perception of him as a disconnected rich guy by using the recent debate to backpedal on his previously stated positions and stretch the truth in ways his own debate coach has expressed ethical reservations about. More notably, he threatened to cut funding for PBS while mentioning that he himself did not hold any ill will towards Big Bird. Initially, mentioning a well-loved character like Big Bird in connection with hard choices in a time of austerity does not seem like a wise move. The public's sentimental attachment to Big Bird might not have hurt Romney had he not said anything about it but, in theory, directly threatening the character in the debate should have. It did, but only marginally, and in retrospect it made Romney look like a genius to anybody who understands the principle of opportunity cost. Romney knows there are a finite number of column inches, broadcast minutes, and blog articles that will talk about the campaign and, as long as they're talk-

ing about Sesame Street, they're not talking about an unrealistic tax plan that overwhelmingly favours Wall Street.

America is in serious fiscal trouble. To correct this, leaders in the United States are going to need to make hard choices about serious issues like social security, health care and defence spending. In light of the structural adjustments needed in those programs, which together account for about two-thirds of total federal spending, Obama has talked about raising taxes, cutting defence spending, and reforming health care. Romney, in contrast, used the biggest night of the campaign to zero in on PBS, funding for which accounts for far less than one percent of total federal expenditures. In the words of renowned physicist Neil DeGrasse-Tyson, "Cutting PBS support (0.012% of budget) to help balance the Federal budget is like deleting text files to make room on your 500Gig hard drive."

He's not wrong. Talking about less

than one percent of the budget while unemployment and income inequality are as high as they are is ridiculous. But it's working. Since the debate, Romney has surged ahead in the polls, pulling to within the margin of error in many of the battleground states. If his misdirection tactics continue to keep the dialogue on that one percent, Romney has a chance. If Obama can frame the debate around the issues that don't involve stuffed birds, he'll expose Romney as a plutocrat and win the election.

Human trafficking on the rise in Canada

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Human trafficking is a global concern, as intricate networks and organizations run internationally, exploiting human beings for labour and sex slavery, and it is a rising problem in Canada.

While the term slavery may appear outdated and might make us uncomfortable, it remains an international problem, often in the form of human trafficking, as oppressed individuals have no rights and are forced into sex and labour exploits with no pay, callous living conditions, and abuse. These victims are often networked and sold for the monetary benefit of their owners and used until they are no longer profitable or until death. Charlotte Bunch, founder of the Center for Women's Global Leadership, said, "We are asking people to understand that slavery still exists today; in fact, according to a recent New York Times article, if you count the number of

women and children in bonded labor, domestic slavery or sexual slavery today, there are more slaves in the world than at any other time in history."

Many governments and global activism groups such as Amnesty International are working towards resolution for this injustice. However, the process proves extremely difficult as it is not an easy task to unravel the complex criminal web of human trafficking.

In 2005, Bill C-49 was created in Canada and asserted under Section 279 that trafficking of human persons is a crime and that the oppressed individual does not have to cross borders in order to be considered "trafficked." According to the Canadian Government, "Human trafficking involves the recruitment, transportation, harbouring and/or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements of a person in order to exploit that person, typically through sexual exploitation or forced labour."

Though statistically it is difficult to measure the infiltration of human trafficking globally and in Canada, it is certainly to be recognized as a global and national problem. The government of Canada estimates 27 million slaves exist in the world today, of which 2 million are trafficked every year, reaching an annual profit of 32 billion dollars. The majority of victims are between 12 and 16 years of age but can be as young as five years old. The government states that "Canada is a transit and destination country but is increasingly becoming a source country" of human trafficking. NGO's estimate, "12,000-15,000 people are trafficked to and through Canada each year."

Non-Canadian victims who are brought to Canada are often from Asian countries such as Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia and Vietnam, as well as Eastern Europe.

Beginning in 2013/14, the government of Canada has pledged \$500

000 to the Victims Fund which will contribute towards the service and rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking.

While human trafficking is a national issue, it is also a local issue.

Earlier this year, the leader of the largest proven human trafficking ring, Ferenc Domotor, 49, was sentenced to nine years in prison and his son, Ferenc Domotor Jr., was sentenced to five years, after recruiting as many as 19 male victims from Hungary. The human trafficking organization was based in Hamilton, Ontario.

CBC reports that when victims first arrived to Canada they were forced to claim refugee status, work without pay, and to sleep on mattresses in a locked basement. Victims said that they were often fed only one meal a day and were sometimes forced to work 17 hour days.

"We were treated like dogs on a short leash... To this day I don't go out after dark because of all the threats. I

have also received threats against my mother in Hungary."

- Victim Impact Statement (Hamilton forced labour case)

While there is no easy solution to human trafficking, rehabilitation and care for victims are essential as the healing process is not complete immediately once they are free. Service programs for victims and tough laws which prohibit trafficking lead toward finding some resolution amidst the intricacies of this global problem.

"Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

— Martin Luther King Jr., Strength to Love

Battle of the Bands—High School Edition

Battle of the Bands, Certain to Look Different This Time Around



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The Battle of the Bands is going to look a little different this time around. While in previous years Redeemer has hosted a competition for bands that often involve its own students—which will still be happening this coming January—the bands playing on October 19th will be coming from high schools around the province to compete against one another. “Battle of the Bands - High school Edition” is an event set up by the Recruitment de-

partment geared towards exactly that: high school students. The contest is free and open to all students who are interested in getting some publicity or experience for their band. It’s also a great way to allow teenagers who are potentially interested in Redeemer to come and experience the campus in a way they never could from merely taking a tour or reading a pamphlet. This event allows potential students to get a feel for Redeemer’s cultural heartbeat and to experience its supportive and passionate community of current students. It’s also a great way for current students to serve the high school community of Ontario. Redeemer

students will be manning the sound booth, taking tickets, and those who have been in winning bands of past years have played a part in selecting the contestants. It didn’t take long for word to get around. Soon after advertising for the event began, the planning team received an overwhelming response: initially, twenty video submissions were sent to Redeemer from across the province and, soon to follow, a shocking 30 000 online votes were cast to determine who would make it to the top five. Within the first 24 hours, 5000 votes had already been received, and the numbers only continued to

rise from there. A response of this magnitude was unprecedented. Now that the voting has closed and the finalists have been selected, excitement for the event continues to climb. The event will consist of each band playing a ten to twenty minute set and receiving feedback from a panel of judges selected specifically from the local music and entertainment industry. This will include Graham Rockingham, who writes a monthly music column for the Hamilton Spectator; Amy King who records and produces music at Grant Avenue Studio in Hamilton; and Scott Orr, who operates under the record label Other Song Music Co.

The prize for the evening is the Artist Development Package, which includes consulting sessions with a voice coach, a promoter, record label owner, and a professor of music, as well as the opportunity to record a song professionally, and more.

Tickets for the Battle of the Bands are now on sale at the Box Office for only \$10. Although it is an event aimed mainly at high school students—namely, the bands and their fans—Redeemer students are strongly encouraged to show up and support these aspiring musicians.

Album Review: Babel

SIMON FALLON

The highly anticipated Mumford album has been in the making for two years and came storming into the hands of eager listeners two weeks ago. The album has been greeted with mixed emotions by everyone. As far as instrumentation goes the album is nearly identical to its disturbingly successful predecessor “Sigh no More,” but lyrically the album has improved and gone places that Mumford perhaps would not have dared go prior to the blockbuster success of the first. Many of the lyrics featured in “Babel” (not to mention the title) are extremely biblical: “If you believe in me I’ll believe in you.” However, when confronted about his apparent evangelism Marcus Mumford stated, “We don’t feel evangelical about anything. Really. Other than music.” When asked further about his Christian upbringing Marcus told reporters, “I don’t even call myself a Christian, Spirituality is

the word we engage with more. We’re fans of faith, no religion.” So a man who was once a professing Christian now headlines a band that chocks its songs full of Christian imagery, perhaps to appeal to the Christian market? Perhaps the blend of curses and “Jesus speak” is something that appeals to us all. A true display of just how broken we can be and yet it is something that every listener can relate to once in a while. The last comment on Babel that Marcus made is probably the best: “Sometimes the best way to go about exploring a question, things we wouldn’t necessarily talk about in conversation, is by writing a song.” You can hate on the similar sound, you can hate on the faith-inspiring lyrics with no ‘faith’ to back them up, yet Mumford has found a potent (and sneaky) way of bringing up our walks of faith and our struggles, in conversation, in our minds, in our dancing feet. A fantastic work of lyrical genius in my eyes, looking forward to the next one.



October Recipes



Pumpkin Scones with Cream Cheese Frosting

Scones:
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
1 tbsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
and ground cinnamon
1 tsp ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp ground cloves
and ground ginger
6 tbsp cold butter, cut into 1-inch cubes
1/2 cup canned pumpkin puree
3 tbsp half-and-half cream
1 large egg

Cream Cheese Frosting:
Recipe makes 3 cups
2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
2 cups of icing sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F - Line a baking sheet with parchment paper - Stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger - Add the butter and toss with a fork to coat with the flour mixture - Mix until the texture resembles coarse cornmeal,

with the butter pieces no larger than small peas - In a separate bowl, whisk together the pumpkin, cream and egg - Fold wet ingredients into dry ingredients, and form the dough into a ball - Pat out dough onto a lightly floured surface and form into a 1-inch thick rectangle - Use a large knife to slice the dough making three equal portions - Cut each of the portions in an X pattern (four pieces) so you end up with 12 triangular slices of dough - Place on prepared baking sheet - Bake for 14-16 minutes, or until light brown - Place on wire rack to cool - While the scones are cooling, make the icing by mixing the cream

cheese and butter together – Add the vanilla, and gradually mix in the sugar – When scones cool, frost them with the icing.

Easy Apple Butter

Ingredients:
4 pounds of Granny smith (or any other sweet tart variety of apple) peeled, seeded, and sliced
1/3 cup fresh pressed apple juice (not from concentrate)
2/3 cup maple syrup
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 tbsp lemon juice
Ground nutmeg, ginger, and cinna-

mon to taste

- Place all ingredients in a large stock pot with a tight lid – Bring to a boil over medium-high heat – Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until the apples are soft enough to mash – Remove from heat and mix with an immersion blender – Blend until the consistency is thick and smooth, not like applesauce – Can be kept refrigerated up to 2 weeks.

Julie Berry Visits RUC

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On Thursday, September 27th, St. Thomas poet Julie Berry visited Redeemer as a part of the Canadian Council of Arts tour, sharing some of her unique poems and stories which have made her the accomplished poet she is today.

The room was quiet with just over ten attendants, but Berry made the most of the small crowd by leaving plenty of time for questions and discussion. When asked whether she focuses on style or content she remarked, “Style is something you are born into, something you can play with.” She exemplifies this notion using creative ideas and line breaks in her writing, making her poems distinctive.

Julie Berry’s first book, worn thresholds, was published by Brick in 1995 and reprinted in 2006. She has appeared in several periodicals and anthologies and placed first and third in the Short Grain prose poem contest in 2005.

Berry has resided in some of Ontario’s major cities such as Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, and London, gaining different insights which have inspired her poetry. It was her time in Rexdale, Toronto, that inspired her to pursue writing as she found herself frequently perusing the local library and wanting to poeticize.

Berry has used her roles of teacher and mother to explore creatively. She says, “Ideas came as I peeled potatoes and lived my life.” She shares how ideas used to come by accident but that, now that she has more time, she is able to be more intentional about composing new thoughts. She often begins her writing in a Microsoft journal, claiming to be married to her computer, and these initial stems of thought aid in the formation of her work.

Berry uses much of her living experiences in her poetry. This is evident in her poem “Cemetery Town,” about a man who balances being mayor and a grocery boy, which is based on a real person. “Gully” and “Walnut Cracking Machine” are also based off true experiences Berry has had.

As a kindergarten teacher, Berry made use of quality time with students, listening to their stories while they painted at lunch. From this, she developed the poem “Genesis” which explores what the origin of creation would look like if it was formed by kindergarteners: “Let there be swings, licorices, friends, apples...let there be the world.”

Berry shared a few poems based off “The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne,” written by Englishman Gilbert White (1720-1793) who is known as the first ecologist and whose book is allegedly the fourth most published book in the English language. He is well-known for defending the fern owl and Berry comments, “He lived in a time where people thought things that are wrong and he disputed it; I think we live like that.”

To find out more about future readings at Redeemer, visit the arts page at Redeemer.ca

It’s not Harry Potter, but it’s still pretty good

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Montreal (CUP) — Being J.K. Rowling is a trap. The hype that has surrounded her most recent publication, an adult fiction novel entitled The Casual Vacancy, is proof of how much weight lies on this author’s shoulders.

Clearly, should Rowling want to write about anything other than Hogwarts, broomsticks and He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, the literary world will undoubtedly go wild, with critics bracing themselves in anticipation.

So, understandably, it’s with a bit of reserve and much trepidation that I, like millions of others across the world, picked up a copy of The Casual Vacancy at my local bookstore on Sept. 27.

Three days later, my previously pristine copy of Rowling’s book was torn, crumpled and decorated by coffee stains, having been lugged around virtually everywhere with me for 72 hours; coffee shops, metro rides and dinners included.

The book was extremely good, in a dark, sarcastic and incredibly realistic way. Rowling had me engrossed in a story that I would never have believed to be that captivating. Let’s be honest — the idea of a book revolving around the sudden death of a council member in a tiny, unknown village in England isn’t exactly everyone’s dream premise. But the citizens of Pagford, the tiny village in question, are fascinating as we glimpse their everyday lives unraveling in the throes of tragedy.

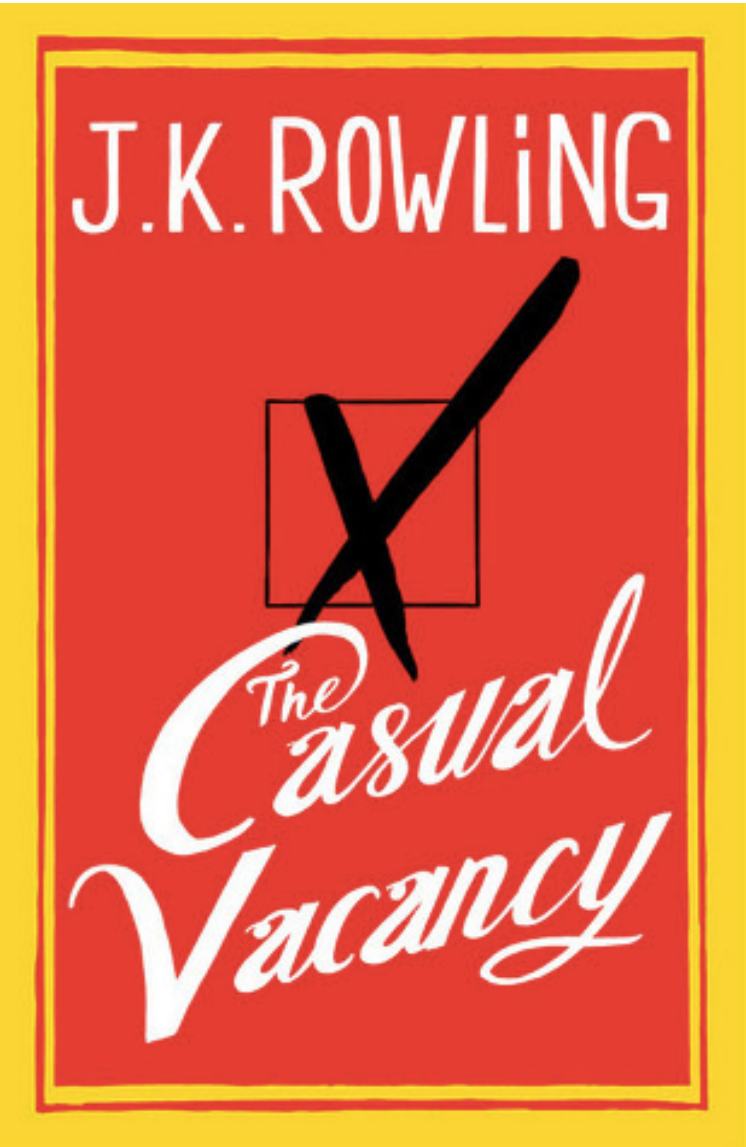
The novel starts out with councilman Barry Fairbrother passing away

suddenly on the eve of his wedding anniversary. Initially shocked with grief, the citizens of Pagford quickly move to replace him on council and a controversial election ensues. Meanwhile, the previous ally of the deceased finds herself more alienated than ever. And so, as we flip the pages, tensions and secrets arise, in a way that readers will find covertly echoes a combination of Desperate Housewives and Shameless.

Rowling does a marvelous job of showing us, yet again, that she has a profound understanding of human existence. Humor is doused with crudeness, and the combination is a satire of our time that leaves the reader wanting more. I found myself blitzing through chapters, anticipating the slew of revelations to come, the same way I had dashed through the last Harry Potter book, wanting to know if Voldemort had prevailed. It’s suspense, but not in the classic sense; there’s simply a more refined sense of excitement to be had.

Having skimmed the media on the topic, it goes without saying that I’ve read my share of reviews on The Casual Vacancy. Needless to say, not many of them are flattering. Negative reviews mainly criticize the book’s overall grittiness and the fact it reveals a relatively ugly side of social reality.

For anyone that has read the Harry Potter series, this is an unexpected (and maybe even unpleasant) wake-up call. The charm that surrounded Hogwarts and its inhabitants, easy-going, comical characters that we would have loved to meet, was addictively pleasant. You’ve been warned: there will be drugs, depression and all-out despair. Does that make the book any less of a page-turner? Not a bit.



Five study apps you’ll actually use

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VANCOUVER (CUP) — By the onset of fall, many students find that the academic enthusiasm they felt at the start of the year has dissipated. Menacing midterms and tiresome term papers are looming closer and it seems that all those handouts and homework assignments are blending into one giant mess. For those of you who are constantly on the go, we’ve compiled a list of five study apps under \$5 to help you get on track.

Evernote
Student Type: Dude ... Where’s my notebook?
Instead of endlessly flipping through your folders while the paper you’re searching for stares you right in the face, sync the notes and documents from your computer to your phone. Then access and share all your notes with one simple click.
Platforms: All
Cost: Free

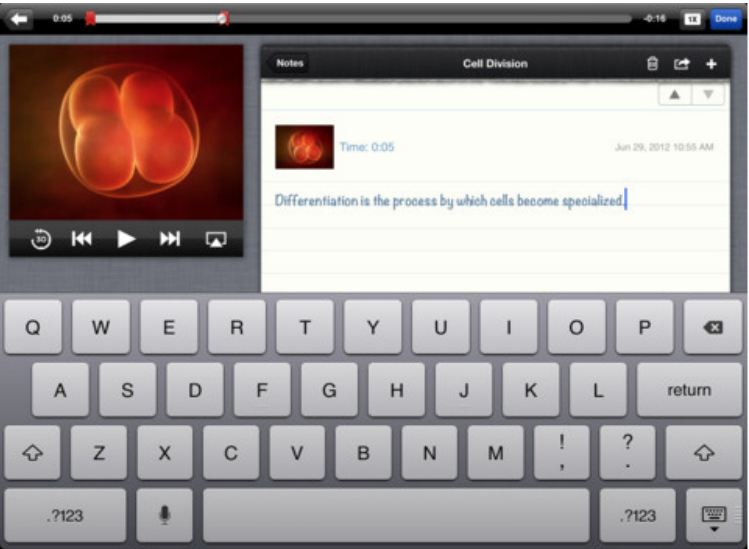
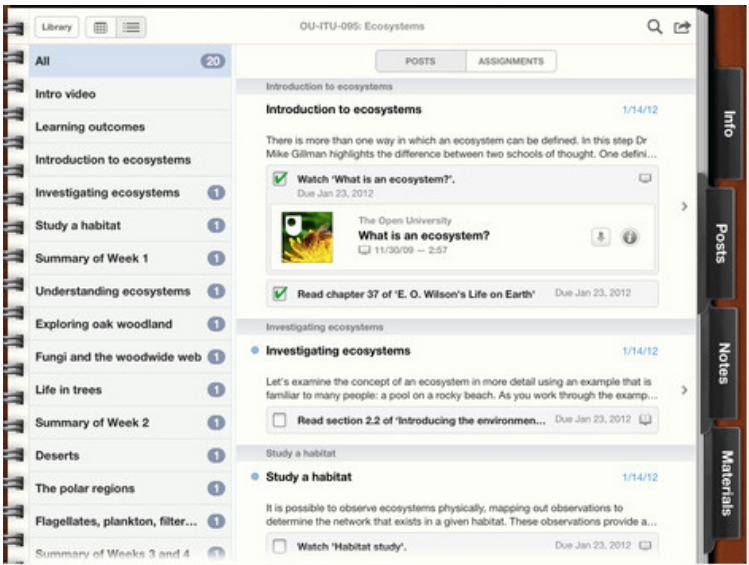
Dropbox
Student Type: Dazed and Confused
“Why won’t my PowerPoint open? Oh no ... no, no, no, no.” If you’ve ever said those words before, then you know they’re not good. Dropbox specializes in storing extremely large files. Save your notes, group projects, presentations, music, videos and PDF documents here. Best of all, if you mess up, you can revert back to any

previous version of the file.
Platforms: All
Cost: Free

iTunes U
Student Type: The Overachiever
Need more university-level reading material? Or another opinion on a topic? Maybe you need a better source for that term paper of yours? Welcome to iTunes U, which provides you with access to the New York Public Library and 500,000 lectures on a variety of topics from several other universities.
Platforms: iPhone and iPad only
Cost: Free

iStudiez Pro
Student Type: The Young and the Organized
Ever wonder what it would be like to be perfectly organized? This app tracks your homework, class schedule and grades. It then presents a complete portrait of all the things you have to do today, tomorrow and in the upcoming weeks.
Platforms: Mac, iPhone, and iPad
Cost: \$0.99

Flashcards Deluxe
Student Type: The Professional
You have less than 24 hours to memorize a semester’s worth of information. Challenge accepted. Whether it’s multiple choice options or open-ended questions, this app automatically turns off a card when you get it right. This way, you have more time to revise the stuff you don’t know.
Platforms: iPhone, iPad
Cost: \$3.99



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Royals gearing up for a new season

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Fall, the season of changing leaves, darker mornings, colder afternoons, and pumpkin spice lattes (for those who enjoy such drinks). Fall represents an even more exciting time for Redeemer's athletes and Loyal Royals as it is also the busiest season for Royals' sports. The current season brings together the schedules of men's and women's soccer, men's and women's volleyball, cross-country, badminton and hockey. Below is a snapshot of each of these sports and what you can look forward to in the coming weeks.

Soccer

The men's soccer team finished their season with the worst record in ten years, unable to draw a single point out of their OCAA loop and ending with a record of 0-8-0. The last time the Royals were unable to pull out a single point in their season was in the 1999-2000 season when the team lost 10 straight. The team which was hoping for at least a top 6 spot in their division to enter qualifying rounds finished dead last, signifying an end to their season. "The season was definitely tough. It was disappointing for the team but it was more disappointing we couldn't get the results for coach," said striker Zander Jacobs. The women's soccer team faired a little better than the men's team as they finished their season with a record of 0-5-3. The final tally earned them three points and second-last place in the western division, not enough to enter OCAA qualifying rounds. Overall, it was a disappointing season for both the men's and women's soccer teams as they will be unable to compete in front of a home

crowd in the OCAA championships which Redeemer is hosting at the end of this month. Both teams are hopeful as they look toward next season.

Volleyball

Redeemer's volleyball season starts on October 31, as both the men's and women's teams gear up to play their cross-town rivals, the Mohawk Mountaineers, in their home openers. The men's team hopes to improve on their record of 10 wins and 8 losses last year and likewise the women's team seeks to improve on their 6 wins and 12 losses. The Mountaineers have always proved to be a tough match for the Royals as last year in the two times the athletic teams met the men's team fell twice and the women's team emerged as victors twice. The men's volleyball team looks as strong as ever as they welcome back returning veterans David Klomps (Left Side), Jesse Dykxhoorn (Left Side) and Aaron Vanderlugt (Middle). Jake Klassen (Setter) and Eric Heidbuurt (Right Side) are hoping their strong play in first year will result in another successful season for the two second-years as the dynamic duo looks to solidify their position on the team and seeks more kills for the team this year. Verteran Dave Klomps is excited for the season: "We have a lot more maturity and age on the team this year which will help carry us in the big games and post-season. We should be able to make a run at the gold medal this year." The women's team welcomes back returning veterans April Passchier (Left Side) and Elise Kollenhoven (Middle) and also has a pair of second-years, Curtiss Straatsma (Right Side) and Kaitlin Arscott (Middle), looking to further their impact on the women's

volleyball team.

Basketball

Redeemer's basketball seeks to improve on a disappointing last season as the men's team was only able to pull out 3 wins and the women's team continued their losing streak with no wins at all in the regular season. The men's team has already proven to be a threat this year as they faced Loyalist College in an exhibition match-up. The team fought hard only to come up short, 59-67, against the Lancers. "We are working a lot harder this year and have higher expectations," said Paul Hart. "If we don't make playoffs it will be a big disappointment. We expect to win." The mens team welcomes a significant number of recruits this season including new coach Jamie Girolametto who was previously the assistant coach at McMaster University. The women's team has already shown promise in an exhibition game against Crandall University as they pulled out a victory, 75-63. The taste of victory may be all they need to propel them into a successful season. Look out for veteran Morissa Lychak (Forward) and second-year Esther Weima (Forward) along with a multitude of top recruits.

Cross Country

The cross country season is well underway for Redeemer Royals and excitement is already brewing as the team looks forward to the OCAA championships on October 29. The women's team has received a national ranking of #13 after they won the Seneca Invitational at the end of September. As they head into the final races of the year, the team hopes to capitalize on their speed and team strength. Royals'

top women's runner Julie Koopmans has her work cut out for her in the individual rankings as Jillion Marquardt is right on her heels. The competitiveness of the team is proving to be a force that is driving this team to run better as a whole. The team's members include Adrianna So, Gina Van Haren, Tracey Ubbens and Danica Thomsen. The men's team has a little more work cut out for them as in the same Seneca Invitational they finished 7th, although a case can be made that they are still a team to watch out for as they were missing their number two runner Nathan Verbaan. Veteran Taylor Kraayenbrink continues to be the lead story on the men's side as he seeks an individual spot in the National Championships. Taylor finished his last race 5th overall with a time of 25:55 and continues to improve on his personal bests. Stay tuned in to this remarkable season over the coming weeks.

Badminton

Hot off the heels of an extremely successful season which included hosting the OCAA provincial badminton championships, the badminton team will look to ride that success into this season. Their season starts today with a trip to the Humber Cup. "We have a good mix of verterans and rookies which will create a good challenge both on the court as well as spiritually," said Blair Hogan. With bronze medal winner Janelle Koopmans returning, expectations for the badminton team are once again high.

Hockey

Last but not least, the Royals' men's hockey team has been engaged in some new action over the past few weeks. After leaving the NCHL the team has

sought new heights in college athletics, and as they currently look ahead to their Sheridan Invitational tournament in November they reflect on the past couple of weeks. The men's team faced (and conquered) an impressive Redeemer Alumni team before heading to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to play in the Calvin College Invitational Tournament. In the NCAA division 3 tournament the Royals faced Aquinas College, Dordt College and Calvin College. The first game of the tournament was the most physical of the three where they faced their old-time rivals, Calvin College. The game showed the team their first bout of contact hockey and they fell 5-4 to the competitive and eventual victors of the tournament. After a late night and early morning the Royals geared up to play Dordt College in an exhibition match where the Royals took their sport to them and won 3-2. The same night the Royals faced a well-rested Aquinas College where they would fall 5-1. Overall the tournament was a great experience for the team and a good indicator of how much they will improve when they are healthy and have a full roster. Some big names in the tournament include PJ Buys, Matthew Hazenburg, Vince De Panfilis, Rich Weining and Kyle Beishuizen for his massive hits. The hockey team looks forward to the rest of the season and the competition that follows.

That's all for the fall snapshots. Make sure to support your Royals in this busy fall season!



XC takes top spot at Seneca Invitational

PETER REID

Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country headlined a very busy weekend for the Redeemer Royals. However it was Cross Country that stole the show with a 1st place team finish for the Lady Royals. The Lady Royals won the Seneca Invitational and were crowned the winners of a Cross Country Invitational for the first time in recent history.

The Lady Royals finished 1st with an accumulated total of 44 points. Fanshawe College had 46 points for 2nd place while the host, Seneca College was 3rd with 57 points. Redeemer finished behind Fanshawe at the Fanshawe invitational the previous week-end.

There were a total of 8 complete teams for the women. Julie Koopmans (Chatham, ON) was the first Royal over the line with a time of 19:16, good enough for 8th place. Jillian Marquardt (Pembroke, ON) was right behind Koopmans in 9th place with a time of 19:33. Adrianna So (Toronto, ON) was the 3rd Royal in with a 14th place finish in a time of 20:18. Gina Van Haren (Lacombe, AB) was the final counter for Redeemer in the 26th spot with a time of 21:34. Tracey Ubbens (Toronto, ON) came across the line as Redeemer's 5th runner in 30th with a time of 22:30 while Danica Thomsen (Stittsville, ON) was right behind Tracey in the 32nd spot with a time of 22:56.

Cross Country coach Jeff Summerhays had this to say, " It was a great

day of running. The girls really raced well. We closed the gap between our 3rd and 4th counter a little which is what we need to do. Overall, they were extremely excited about winning".

The men's team finished 7th out of 11 teams even though they were missing Nathan Verbaan (Bowmanville, ON), Redeemer's number 2 runner. "Taylor Kraayenbrink (Port Lambton, ON) had a fantastic race for the Royals running the best race of his career. He followed his race plan to a tee and he passed a lot of guys the 2nd half of the race", said Coach Summerhays. Overall, he finished in 5th place with a time of 25:55. Summerhays commented on Kraayenbrinks race by saying, "He continues to improve and was approximately one full minute faster this week compared to last week. He beat a number of guys that were ahead of him at the Fanshawe Invitational. He was very encourage by his results from today".

Alexandre Drouin (Quebec, QC) was the 2nd Royal across the line in 39th place for Redeemer. He finished with a time of 30:05. Zac Duguay (Mississauga, ON) was right behind him in 40th place with a time of 30:16. Colten Gowan (Forest, ON) was 41st with a time of 30:17. Hayden Regeling (Thornton, ON) was 51st with a time of 31:51.

The Royals will now take the Thanksgiving weekend off before traveling to the University of Guelph for the Vic Matthews Open on October 13th.



Royals by the numbers

37 537 - Combined enrolment of Seneca and Fanshawe, two of the colleges Redeemer beat at the recent Seneca invitational cross country championship

0 - The combined number of wins by the mens and womens soccer teams this season

10- The number of years since the the mens soccer team had a season without notching a point

XC Nationally Ranked

PETE REID

The Lady Royals women's Cross Country team has gotten off to a terrific start for the 2012 season and are being rewarded. In the latest release of the Cross Country National Rankings, the women's team has been given the #13 spot.

The women's team finished 3rd at the Fanshawe Invitational on September 22nd and were the 1st place Champions at the Seneca Invitational on September 29th. At the Seneca Invitational, the women's team finished ahead of the two OCAA teams ranked higher than them in the latest rankings. Those teams are the Humber Hawks (ranked #2) and the Fanshawe Falcons (ranked #8).

Redeemer's Athletic Director Dave Mantel commented, "It's fantastic when you anticipate that a team will do well, and then they deliver. We were excited about the team coming into the season as a result of the work that Jeff, our Cross Country coach, did in the off season to attract some great runners".

What is impressive is that out of the top 4 runners that have scored as a team for Redeemer in the last two races, 3 of them are in there 1st year at Redeemer and the other is in her 2nd year.

With the early success, the Royals are now a legitimate contender for a medal at the OCAA Provincial Championships at the end of October.

Women's Cross Country runner Julie Koopmans (Chatham, ON) was recently named the Athlete of the Month for September along with Men's runner Taylor Kraayenbrink (Port Lambton, ON).

The women's team is as follows:

- Julie Koopmans (Chatham, ON)
- Jillian Marquardt (Pembroke, ON)
- Adrianna So (Toronto, ON)
- Annie Stollery (Waterloo, ON)
- Janae Vlaar-Philbrick (Vineland, ON)
- Gina Van Haren (Lacombe, AB)
- Danica Thomsen (Stittsville, ON)
- Tracey Ubbens (Toronto, ON)

Head Coach: Jeff Summerhays



Canada’s ‘Prince of Politics’: The return of Trudeaumania?

Justin’s Liberal candidacy could secure him his throne on Parliament Hill - with the right votes, of course.

BRITTANY KNAPPER

Candidacy has been declared, and Canadian political commentary writers have been warning against another Trudeau-led Liberal Party. Justin Trudeau announced on October 2 his intentions to run for Liberal leadership, an announcement which has political commentators worried, so worried in fact, that many are pleading “wolf” before any national elections have even begun. It’s because Justin is Canada’s young, suave, millennial Kennedy-esque superstar politician. He knows how to interact with his generation, the millennials, the young voters aged 18-30 who care more about Jersey Shore than they do about Parliament Hill. Young voters need to be inspired for a cause, not crusaded through the murky frontlines of frosted politics and the lessers of two evils. And yet, that is exactly what Liberals hope Justin Trudeau will do: lead

with his luscious locks and photogenic face to a much needed political victory. Justin’s sword is Twitter. His shield is Entertainment Tonight Canada, and his audience is the fifteen-minutes-of-fame-loving millennial generation that seeks to fight for a cause, not a cautionary measure. Justin has the face. He has the family pedigree. He has the know-how of social media, so much so that for the first time a Canadian politician has the capability to build trust with our generation of voters simply by including us in his personal life via Twitter. Furthermore, with his paternal lineage of former PM Pierre, Justin is the prince of Canadian politics. But the Prince has undergraduate degrees in literature and education, and an incomplete MA in environmental geography. His political science education is inherited only, and he has been an MP for a mere four years. That looks meagre compared to Harper’s 20 years of political

experience and active involvement in the development of the Conservative Party. Yet, Justin’s voter strengths will be where his own interests are: youth and secondary-school education. The reality is that Justin has spent his years as a Liberal MP visiting Canadian schools. He has gained the trust of our Jersey-Shore oriented Canadians who may have been 15 in 2008, but who will definitely be of age to vote when Canada’s next federal election is called. His cause is PM Idol, and his target voters have no problem casting their ballots to the man who sounds best. And what Justin doesn’t lack is fervor. After all, Canadians love to love the Trudeaus. Still, Justin has to get the millennials to vote, and that’s a battle all unto itself. When the federal elections start to heat up, the Liberals, Conservatives, and NDPs have some causes for young Canadians to fight for. 2011 and 2012 have seen a spectrum

of national issues that, whether we like it or not, affect the millennial generation. Young Canadians are raising their fists, calling for Canada to be less apologetic, and find some snowshoes to stand on. Montreal students have picketed rising tuition prices, the Occupy movement spread across the country, and because of the recession the unemployment rate in Canada for adults between the ages of 18-30 is double that of the Baby Boomers, or Gen-Xs. The most debated topic in Parliament right now is a Bill looking to determine when human life becomes a person, and therefore legally bindable to Canadian laws (including those of fetal abortion). Harper’s astonishing stand to pull Canadian diplomats from Iran has been noted on an international level. Canadians are calling Harper to criticize the UN for its inactivity in Syria (among other countries). Backbones are growing and tensions are rising. Surely Justin knows that leading a

nation will be difficult. After all, his father was one of the most influential PMs. Harvard-educated Pierre Elliott opposed the Quebec separatist movement, fought for universal health-care, and fostered bilingualism and multi-culturalism. He beat the USA to establishing diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China, and persistently kept Canada in NATO. Pierre even patriated our constitution in 1982. Should he become Liberal Party leader, Justin has big snowshoes to fill, and Canadian voters have much to wager as they cast their ballots. Justin has nostalgia and social media going for him. He has lack of experience, and the danger of becoming another Canadian political puppet against him. It will be a hell of a race. Ladies and gentlemen, Millennials, Gen-Xs, Baby Boomers, et al. I present to you Trudeaumania...part two.

It’s all about the apple: Why other companies just can’t keep up with Mac

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MONTREAL (CUP) — Watch out NYC, Apple products are now taking over the world, one product at a time. Ever since the rise of the Mac desktops/laptops, iPods and the iPhones in the early 2000s, other electronic corporations have fallen behind in the race for consumers and have little or no chance to catch up. The only option other corporations have left to do in order to stay in the game is to take Apple’s ideas, modify them to their own style, and paste their own logo on them. Just look around. You see people open up Mac laptops in class and tune into their iPods on buses, metros and trains. When you pass someone on the street talking on the cell phone, chances are they are holding an iPhone to their ear. Here’s something to think about: Apple possesses more money than some countries do. Apple has an estimated value of \$626 billion U.S. as of September this year (which is more than Microsoft and Google combined). They’ve earned just over \$5 million during their first weekend when their newest product, the iPhone 5.


When the iMac computers were first introduced, the products sold almost 800,000 units in their first five months. Later, when the iPod was revealed, it sold close to 100 million units in only six years. Although the infamous touch screen wasn’t invented by Apple, they were the first to achieve an outstanding human interaction between the electronic device and the customer from its pre-programmed touch gestures. Since then, many other electronic corporations such as Samsung, HTC, Nokia and LG have tried to re-vamp Apple’s idea with the touch screen. Other corporations now have their own variations, having their apps lined up in the same formation as the iPhone. Also, the sensitivity and the way you can flip from one screen to the next is the nearly the same as an iPhone. In recent news, there have been many articles written about the lawsuit Apple has filed against Samsung for allegedly copying most of Apple’s products. However, the case is nowhere close to being resolved. ITWorld reported to the International Business Times that after winning a million dollars in damages in August 2012, Apple is demanding another \$707 million from Samsung. On top of that, Apple is asking for a ban on the sale of 26

Samsung products. After the release of the iPad, corporations such as Samsung and Blackberry released their versions of a tablet, mimicking some of the same structures and functions as the iPad. Another lawsuit was launched because Apple felt that the iPad and iPad 2 was infringed on by Samsung’s Galaxy Tab 10.1. Despite the dispute with the phones, many of the iPods were also copied by other corporations. In early 2004, most MP3 players worked on a shuffle basis, meaning you couldn’t pick the song you wanted. Apple was the first to invent such a useful tool that made it possible to select. It was only later that other companies copied Apple’s idea. Apple continually comes out with new and improved versions of their products. Some clients believe that these are pointless and over priced, while numerous others think that it’s what keeps Apple so fresh and addictive. “There’s always something to look forward to,” said Sabrina Marchei, a second-year human resources student at Concordia and an Apple client. Whether you like it or not, Apple is the clear leader in this particular brand of products and will continue to be so for many years to come, until the next big thing, that is.

INSIDE NEXT MONTH’S EDITION OF THE CROWN:

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE REDEEMER NETWORK AND I.T. SERVICES

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Taking responsibility for your own lack of job options

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EDMONTON (CUP)—University: a scary and exciting word for anyone exploring the possibility of a higher education.

For most of us, that has been the goal after 13 years of school. But what if it’s not all it is cracked up to be?

In today’s society, more than ever, university graduates are not finding jobs in their fields. Businesses and large corporations are not hiring; especially not green, straight-out-of-school, 20-something-year-olds.

Many students are working at jobs they are overqualified for, such as service industry positions. There is nothing wrong with being a server, but is it necessary to have a bachelor of science to do so? And does the bartender at the local pub with a business degree need the education he has to give a decent performance at the workplace?

What does this say about the validity of university? If I am going to work at a restaurant for the rest of my life, why did I stress for four years in lecture halls and computer labs, and spend thousands of dollars to become a “scholar?”

So whose fault is it? Is it the universities for not providing a useful

education? Or is it the student’s fault? We are the ones who pay, attend the classes and hand in the papers. Are we to blame for not finding jobs that use our skills acquired in the post-secondary environment?

I assert that we the students should take ownership for our career issues after we graduate.

We chose our degree and major. Should we not look to see if our desired future employers are hiring? Now, we cannot exactly predict how the job market will be in four years but we must have some idea of what we are getting ourselves into.

As with why we choose what we study, we also choose what jobs we apply for. For example, if I have a business degree and am looking for a job in my field, I’m going to look for a company that has the exact job that I want. I might not think to look at a job or employer that is in my field, but not in my interest. In today’s society, we are told we can be whatever we want.

If I do not want to work for a construction company, I am not even going to look at them — even if there is potential for me to start a successful career in that field.

There is too much hope in our naïve brains that we will get what we want right out of school, without having to work for it. We get discouraged and go back to the familiar jobs we

worked before and during university.

We need to recognize that the skills we gained during our education will get us in the door of the job market that utilizes those skills, but some-

times we might have to knock at a few different doors than the one we’re focused on.

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The Community of Nerds

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With a new school year comes another familiar new beginning: the returning seasons of TV shows. A great show can offer some quality entertainment, and I love to get deep into a show that rewards those of us who come back week after week with fresh and exciting new situations. But what I also look for in a show is some sort of week-to-week or season-to-season connection--the sense that the characters in the show feel just a little bit more real. I could classify that kind of behaviour as something “nerdy,” in that nerds are among the majority of people who enjoy continuity and fan payoff in a show.

Two shows that I watch which feature and cater to my demographic are The Big Bang Theory and Community. But as I’ve watched more and more of each show, I’ve found that there are some large distinctions in exactly what these shows think a nerd would enjoy, and also how a nerd should be treated by others. By these standards, The Big Bang Theory has left me with something of a bad taste in my mouth, as I no longer feel that it is a show that is meant for nerds.

When The Big Bang Theory first arrived on TV, it was something of a revolution in terms of geek culture. There were four nerdy guys represented on TV who liked all the same things that regular nerds did. It was fun to watch these slightly exaggerated stereotypes navigate a sometimes less-familiar world than they were used to, while throwing in some casual references to Star Wars and Firefly while they were at it. What nerd wouldn’t enjoy it?

But as the seasons wore on, it

became increasingly clear that even though the main characters of the show are nerds by definition, the show itself is not meant to be enjoyed primarily by our folk. While a sitcom by nature is more or less built on the foundation of creating fun situations for characters and forgoing strong character development or overarching plot advancement, those sorts of continuity-driven events are still necessary (at least in a minor capacity) to keep the characters feeling fresh. These changes to the status quo are what will keep me coming back to a show and trying to devour all content related to it.

The Big Bang Theory’s only attempts at plot developments are limited to characters either getting or losing girlfriends. In the past 6 seasons of this show I can’t think of one change that Sheldon has gone through besides finding a girl that he enjoys (or tolerates) being around. Yet, when his “girlfriend” Amy demands an honest statement from him about his feelings for her, she settles for a verbatim quote from a Spider-man movie. These characters never evolve in a meaningful way because none of them even enforce change. Some people might say that Sheldon as a character is built to remain changeless, but I don’t think that excuse extends to the rest of the cast, who are all similarly stunted.

The complaint about the lack of character growth only comes into more clarity when there is actual progression of time. In a show like The Simpsons, they can get away with keeping Bart as a delinquent trouble maker and Lisa as a do-gooder because they have never aged. They don’t need to change because they

are forever young children. In The Big Bang Theory each season roughly equates to a year. A TV show can present their version of the world and make it as crazy as they want, but the closer they try to adhere to reality, the more the flaws will stand out. Not only has Howard gone his whole life living with his mom, and Raj his whole life without being able to speak to women, but they’ve also continued to do nothing about it in the five to six years that we have been watching, despite being in circumstance after circumstance that would compel any real person to change their ways.

This is the main complaint I have with the show: it tries to present natural events that real people can connect to, but it throws all relatability out the window as soon as characters neglect to act in ways that any real person would.

So not only does The Big Bang Theory fail to deliver even minor character growth in the face of undeniable reasons to change, but it also does not deliver on making references that a real nerd can connect to or find humour in. At a certain point, throwing in a reference to Star Trek or centering an episode on going to a theatre to watch an updated version of the first Indiana Jones isn’t enough of a reason for a nerd to watch it. The writers seem to be experts at Googling “stuff nerds like,” and throwing in a name-drop here and there, but they never make a real connection with the source material they reference. By contrast, in that regard, Community really shines.

As Community has developed, the writers have figured out not only how to pay homage to many different aspects of nerd culture, but also how to

handle the references with care. For example, while The Big Bang Theory may drop a mention of Dungeons and Dragons as a throw-away joke, Community goes all out, devoting an entire episode to the tabletop role-playing game. In fact, it attempts to explore the appeal of the game for nerds to those who may have heard of it but never seen it in action. The show has paid homage to zombie movies, old westerns, video games, Star Wars, and many more aspects of western culture that nerds love. The range of spoofs and references to different parts of nerd culture is staggering; they have even created their own riff of the long-running British sci-fi series, Dr. Who, lovingly called Inspector Spacetime. Viewers loved Community’s campus-wide paintball game in the first season, but no one expected the epic two-part paintball battle in season 2 to be able to hold its own and, arguably, surpass the first in terms of quality. However, a show can only survive on spoofs for so long. It really comes down to the characters to carry the long-term appeal of the show.

Abed and Troy, two of the characters in Community, are the nerdy surrogates that the geek audience can relate to. When Abed dresses up as The Inspector from Inspector Spacetime and quotes lines from the show, it not only creates a way for nerds watching the show to relate and connect to their own experiences, but it also gives the sense that the writers are celebrating his fandom, rather than encouraging the audience to belittle it. There is passion and care shown through Troy and Abed’s favourite things that The Big Bang Theory can’t seem to hit. While Jeff, the leader of

the group in Community, considers himself to be the cool one, it can be seen as a facade to hide his own insecurities. Community portrays Troy and Abed as cooler than Jeff in many ways, because they are unafraid to be honest and enthusiastic about what they truly love.

I was inspired to write this article after reading a blog that described the many ways the The Big Bang Theory treats its nerdy characters as punch lines of their jokes, while the audience is expected to relate to Penny, the non-geek outsider. While this can be seen in the show, I do think we still owe it some respect. It was successful in ushering in the time of the (admittedly silly) “geek-chic” label, where nerds are no longer considered the outsiders. However, the show has proven that it doesn’t truly understand what a nerd is or likes, so that torch passes to Community. Abed and Troy are the new Sheldon and Leonard, and they are arguably a better representation of how a nerd demonstrates their obsessions, as well as how they are perceived by their friends.

The term “nerd” can be quite nebulous, and I don’t think there is a specific set of things one must do or enjoy to earn that label. However, I do think that those who either have been called a nerd or geek in a negative way, or who would self-indentify as geek, can find something meaningful in Community. It not only features the content and references that push all the right buttons, but it also demonstrates that at the heart of every nerd is a deep love for something, and, really, couldn’t we all use a little more love in our lives?

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Chaplain’s Corner



SYD HIELEMA

JESUS, THE TEACHER OF TEACHERS

Jesus sent out the twelve, with the following instructions, “...freely you have received, freely give” (Matt. 10: 5, 8).

Last week Tuesday all the profs here at Redeemer got together for ninety minutes to ponder the question, “what

do we learn about teaching from Jesus our teacher?” As Redeemer’s faculty, we wanted to explore in very practical ways what our theme of the year – “All things held in Christ” – means for us when we walk into our classrooms.

I wish every member of the Redeemer community could have listened in on the conversation. Here are a few assorted quotes:

“The subjects I teach fill me with wonder and humility due to the beauty and complexity of God’s creation, and I pray I can transmit just a little of that spirit to my students.”

“Jesus was a teacher and a shepherd at the same time – he didn’t just teach people’s brains, he ministered to the whole person. I long to do the same.”

“Jesus taught with grace and truth, challenging people to continue growing in their faith by leading them to wrestle with difficult questions and allowing room for suffering and struggle. That inspires and challenges me as a teacher who follows him.”

“Jesus knew people, and he spoke differently to different people based on this knowing. That’s hard for me because I have large classes, but I want to honour that goal as much as I can.”


“Jesus offered himself as a gift of love. I am called to do the same, and I begin by praying for my students.”

We professors also asked each other


the question, “how might our students be called to model Christlikeness?” The response that stuck with me went like this: “At our Christian university our goal is not that our students go through their courses but that our courses go through our students.” In other words, at Redeemer, we are grateful for students who are open to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the classroom.

As a professor, I know that what I long to do and what I actually do in my classroom never match up perfectly. That’s true for all of us: students, staff, faculty. But our longings are the deepest engine that drives our actions, and so I was very encouraged listening to the longings of my colleagues. All of us who follow Jesus have freely received from him, and have been sent out by him to freely give to others what we have received.


I invite you to look for glimpses of the deepest longings that live in our community this week. In what ways have others *been giving* to you? How specifically do you long to give to others what you have received from him?

And how does he hold together the tangled web of longings in your own heart? Are there ways you can surrender more of that jumbled web to Him? 

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Overcoming Obstacles

An interview with Anthony Ramuscak



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Where were you born?

I was born on January 22, 1986, in Hamilton, Ontario, at St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Why did you choose Redeemer?

Since I was in high school I wanted to attend Redeemer University College because I knew it was deeply rooted on faith in Jesus Christ and His Word. Given my disability I am not as free to leave town for school, but also I didn’t want to go to any university just for the sake of going to university. After all, God willing, I want to enter the priesthood and I thank God that even though I am faced with this disability He has made it possible that I have a local Christian university to go to for His glory.

Were there other universities you considered and why?

Yes, I had considered applying to Waterloo, Redeemer, and McMaster. It was a dream to attend Waterloo because, frankly, almost every priest I met went to Waterloo University. So I entertained that dream for some time, knowing deep down I couldn’t, physically and financially. After high school I went to Mohawk College and before I graduated I had to have a university already set up, so during that summer I made it my goal to find a university. Sitting in my office with my laptop I booked a tour at Redeemer and the next week at McMaster. I went to Redeemer and met Alexander (my

university rep.) outside. As I went through the main doors my heart was overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. That moment I fell in love and said, “I’m at home.” McMaster didn’t enter my mind anymore.

What are you studying here at Redeemer?

I am in the Pre-Seminary Program here at Redeemer, with a double major in Religion and Philosophy.

How did you become a Christian?

My family is Roman Catholic, so when I was little my aunt and I would go to church almost every day when she had time. I always loved going to church. I remember my brother and I would always pray with my aunt as she drove us anywhere because my mom was working. My brother and I became altar servers at church. I can say that God planted the seed in my heart to enter His ministry, and gave my aunt and family the responsibility to cultivate that seed to grow.

If you don’t mind me asking, how did you end up in a wheelchair?

No, not at all. I suffered a near-fatal stroke in 1995. I spent ten days in a comma and eleven months in the hospital. First I was admitted to McMaster Hospital and after moved to Toronto Rehabilitation Center. After that they told my mom to “accept it and go on with her life,” so my mom started looking for help elsewhere – private doctors, therapists, and healing services.

How have you dealt with your disability?

I remember coming home from the hospital and lying in bed one Saturday morning; I wanted to move my legs but couldn’t and so I turned my head towards the crucifix on my wall and lashed out at God. Through the bitter tears I cursed Him and His Mother Mary, contemplated committing suicide a few times and tried to carry it out on a number of occasions. I was mad at everyone around me, my family, myself, but God most of all.

One day I went to school and wrote in my journal that I have to talk with a priest because of the hurt I felt. We went to phone the priest to come by the school but as my teacher finished leaving him the message, we saw him walking down the hall. The priest and I went in another room to talk and I broke down and told him everything. All this happened over one year. After this I found strength in praying the Rosary and it was with the help of Mary, Mother of God, my Queen and heavenly mother, that I have learned to pray again and fall in love with Her Son, Jesus Christ, once more.

What is the most difficult thing about being in a wheelchair?

The most difficult thing for me is Christmas, that calm peaceful night, the first snow fall. Friends whom I love are away at home, playing, going out having fun, and at least once a year I cry out to God, “why me?” even though I know better. That and weddings...

What was life like growing up?

Life growing up was interesting; I used to leave the house at 9am, go out, run around, play with friends, get in trouble as only boys know how to do [laughter]... and not come in till 8pm. At school I was in the principal’s office nearly every day... yeah, those were fun times [laughter]... What? He had a bowl of m&m’s in his office, so I’d have one when he wasn’t looking [laughter], but the VP was a mean one. He would always have us write from the Bible in detention, which was good but we couldn’t take it home and we would always lose our spot. Thinking back on it, I should have written down the chapter and verse; that would have helped. At the age of nine I suffered my stroke and a new chapter unfolded.

What keeps you motivated every day to keep going?

Honestly, my love for God is what keeps me going. Praying the Rosary is what brings me peace in this busy world. Am I a saint? Far from it! Not at all. I did some stupid stuff in my life, even when I knew better. I still

do it. It’s a constant battle but I am not prepared to give up. As long as I know Christ is fighting for me, I will be fighting for Him!

What’s your favorite Redeemer memory?

I’m in my second year and look into things a lot; therefore I have many favorite memories [laughter]... but if I had to choose one it would be the dorm dinner I had last year, in Aug Hall, dressed up in our Sunday-best clothes. We had a nice big dinner and took pictures in the hall, elevator and in the Rec. Center. You know who you are.

You lead the Rosary devotion on Monday mornings. How is that going?

Yes, this year I am leading the Rosary devotion Monday mornings at 11am in the main prayer room. It is a great blessing for me leading it, but I’m sure it is also a blessing and comfort to those who participate in this devotion. I will tell you, the first day leading the rosary, I set up everything and stepped out not realizing the time. (I was a minute or two late.) When I came in the prayer room and saw a handful of people waiting with their rosaries in hand my heart was full of joy. I was embarrassed, but also thankful to God and Our Lady.

Who’s the most important person in your life?

Aside from God, my mom. She is the one who gave me life these 26 years as she cared for me and stood by me when I needed her the most. She didn’t have to but she wanted to and for that I thank her.

If you could have lunch with anyone in the world, who would it be and why?

I would have to say that it would be a dream to have lunch with the current Pope, Benedict XVI. The reason is because, as one going into the priesthood and religious life, to not only meet the Holy Father but also to sit down and talk with him and listen to his counselling is every seminarian’s dream.

What age were you when you started thinking of the priesthood and why?

Praise God! I was 3 or 4 years old when I told my family, “When I grow up I want to become a priest.” There is a memory I hold in my heart from before but am not at liberty to speak of it. There is a time and place for that.

What’s your favourite Music?

I love listening to music -- that is, music that I can actually understand of course. I will honestly say that my favourite music I right away play on my iTunes is worship, be it in Croatian (my language) or English. Worship and hymns I love and can lose myself in listening to.

What is your favourite Bible Verse?

I would have to say my favourite Bible verse is Proverbs 18:24. I take friendship to heart and this verse spoke to me when I first read it. One of my favourite chapters in the Bible is Psalm 119 and I always strive to live it out in my walk with God and as I study to enter the priesthood.

Final question: I noticed you wear a cross ring on your wedding finger. Is there any meaning to it and why?

Yes, after I met the late Holy Father, blessed Pope John Paul II, when he came to Toronto for World Youth Day in July, 2002, my mom got me the cross ring. I had my priest bless it and he put it on my finger in church. This, for me, symbolized an engagement ring or promise ring for me to God. Have I thought of taking it off? I have and I did for some time, but at the end of the day I am happy with my ring on. And so I will continue to wear this engagement ring on my finger reminding myself I am already called for. Will I fall and stumble? Sad to say I will – we all will – but with God’s help I will take off this engagement ring and replace it with a new marriage ring on my ordination day and continue fighting the good fight for the glory of God.

Highly Misunderstood Yet Characteristically Christian: Free Will

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On October 3rd the Redeemer Apologetics club headlined the beginning of another year with a good old-fashioned debate. The topic, something only a Christian university can dare approach, was free will. I say only a Christian university can dare approach the topic because from any other worldview, whether its adherents realize it or not, actual free will approaches heresy.

Before the debating began, the discussion immediately centralized on the significance of free will for Christianity. Whereas many people with many different worldviews will talk about free will, Christianity is the only worldview that can do so consistently. Christianity is the only worldview where a free will can exist at all. (There’s something you can use against those who claim all religions are the same.) In Islam, people do not have a free will. One simply does what Allah has directly caused them to do. In Buddhism... well nothing actually exists and everything you think exists is an illusion, so that makes it very hard for a free will to actually exist. In Hinduism everything is an illusion once again. We are all part of the great oneness that is the Brahma. Since everything is an illusion, free will must be too. The same is true for all other religions out there.

But what about the so-called non-religious worldviews? Can they support a free will? Not a chance. Atheism cannot have a free will either. Consistent atheists realize this. Sam Harris has even written a book on the non-existence of free will. In atheism all humans are can be reduced to the information contained within DNA. (Where the information came from is another story.) This means everything you say and do is conditioned by your DNA reacting to the environment around you. This is called biological determinism, and it negates the existence of free will.

Christianity on the other hand can support the existence of a free will. In fact the coherency of our worldview depends on it. Sin presupposes that free moral agents willingly and knowingly disobeyed a law. If man does not have a free will, then no man ever sinned. So what is this free will

that man has that is necessary for our worldview? This is an extremely important question, one that the church has been debating for centuries. Considering the responses to the question that have come out through the ages, it hinges on the salvation issue. Does man have any say in his salvation? Depending on your view of free will the answer could go either way.

There have been three answers from within the church on the question of man’s involvement in his salvation. One is declaredly anti-Christian. The other two is where the debate has been raging.

The first view is called Pelagianism. It comes from a man called Pelagius, a teacher in the early church, who said salvation was completely up to man and that God could intervene if He liked, but He wasn’t needed. This is clearly not what Christianity teaches and the early church fathers identified Pelagianism as a heresy.

The second view is semi-Pelagianism which claims that salvation comes from God, but man, using his free will, has to accept it. God has to allow man to freely choose salvation; otherwise man would not freely love God. This view had been supported by men like the Christian Humanist Erasmus, the Wesley Brothers, and Jacobus Arminius, father of Arminianism.

The third view is called Augustinianism which claims that salvation comes from God who chooses those who will receive it because, without God, no man would be able to receive it. In man’s depraved state he does not want God, only the things of God, and so God in his love and mercy elected some to salvation. This view has been supported by men like St. Augustine, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and Jonathan Edwards.

It is among the second and third views that the debates over man’s free will have been occurring. (Today the debate is more commonly referred to as the Calvinism vs. Arminianism debate, Calvinism representing Augustinianism and Arminianism representing semi-Pelagianism.) This is the debate that the Apologetics group dealt with. So what does either side say about free will? The semi-Pelagians say free will is man’s ability to choose against his desires. Man, in

his fallen state, mostly desires evil. However, he can choose good, against those desires, when God offers it to him.

The Augustinians on the other hand say that man’s free will is his ability to choose what he wants. Man in his fallen state desires evil and he does evil. Because of this man cannot change his fallen nature. God has to regenerate man. After man is regenerated he will desire good and therefore can do good. Here’s the rub though. Regenerated man is not completely good. He still has his old nature in him. This is what Paul refers to when he says, “The evil I will not to do, that I practice” (Romans 7:19). There is a war inside of the Christian man between the new man and the old man. The Augustinian view of free will says that whatever man, old or new, has the stronger desires is the one that will win out in this battle. That is why Christians ought to continually seek after God in prayer and actions. It is so that the new man will become the one with the stronger desires and eventually there will be no desires from the old man.

So which view of free will is correct? Well depending on your denominational background, you’ve probably already decided. I however don’t care for either view. As a Calvinist, I believe that the Augustinian view is correct. However, I don’t care for the term “free will” that either side (sometimes more reluctantly on the Augustinian side) uses. What use is a free will that will freely choose evil? To me, that doesn’t seem like freedom at all. To me freedom isn’t being able to choose what you want or against what you want. Freedom is being able to choose what God wants you to choose. Freedom is slavery. But not just to anybody. Freedom, like Paul writes, is slavery to righteousness. I think the gift of salvation is also the gift of a truly free will. In our fallen nature we were slaves to our desires, “By nature children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3). But now our wills have been set free so that we can be slaves to Christ. It is as Christ said, “If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:3,32). That is a freedom we can all celebrate.

Tweeting Meditation

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2 So I remained utterly silent, not even saying anything good. But my anguish increased; 3 my heart grew hot within me. While I meditated, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue (Psalm 39)

For the past while I have been meditating on the concept of meditating. I’ve come to realize how crucial it is to meditate on God’s word, allowing Him to soak through us entirely. As we begin to meditate on God’s word it becomes a part of who we are. The foundations of our lives begin to be built on God’s truths and their application to our lives. I often wonder how the wisest people I’ve come into contact with have such a strong grasp on certain truths and how they’ve become so knowledgeable. It doesn’t take a search party to see that the reason for their strength comes from their meditation on God. When we break away from the distractions of life and sit down with our Heavenly Father, we allow His truths to weave into the very fibres of our beings. Luke 5:16 tells us that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray. My question becomes: If Christ, who is fully God, took time to withdraw to lonely places to pray or meditate, why do we feel we are excused from this?

Anyone that has a concept of the internet or of our world today would agree with me that you can find whatever you’re looking for, and an abundance of it. Specifically, for the time being, I’m focusing on Christians who seek more. One of the great uses of the internet is to read blogs and listen to a multitude of sermons from great speakers around the globe who clearly have an anointing over their life. In fact the amount of resources we can find that allow us to build our faith in God are so numerous we aren’t even able to count them. I, along with so many other Christians, find the internet to be a great way of learning more about our God and to be guided in my own meditations. I find Twitter specifically to be a great source for quick “nuggets” of encouragement and wisdom. I follow many great mentors and men of God on Twitter, seeking to gain knowledge. From Twitter I’m opened to others’ opinions, even more blogs, even more sermons and even more

great ideas. We live during an exciting time and have so much information, teaching, and opportunity right at our fingertips.

As our Pastor wraps up an extraordinary message that applies to our lives we may be thinking of how it applies to our current situation. We pull our phones out in the five minutes following the message and check our Twitter or Facebook; new quotes and new thoughts push the message right out of our minds. As we head home and catch up on some of our favourite blogs we are again filled with more viewpoints and thoughts to chew on. Podcasts, books, school, devotions, they’re all great resources that fuel our hunger for more.

Although I fear as a generation we are beginning to fall into tweeting meditation. With so many resources and knowledge out there I wonder if we actually have any time to meditate on anything at all?

I’m not ignorant or naïve to the fact that there are a lot of Christians who aren’t like this but I’m suggesting a balance to Christians who hunger for more of God. Hunger for God is not a bad thing, but eating an unbalanced proportion of one food group may prove to make us sick. Overeating in one area may not be the best option for feeding our hunger. I want to challenge anyone reading this to balance out your search for more of God with the lonely place. Let’s not fool ourselves by thinking we are the strongest while consuming as much of others revelation as we can but neglecting our own time with God and His personal revelation to us. You can probably read 60 Tweets a minute and their lasting effects are probably just as long. The place of meditation, the prayer closet, the lonely place, that is where we grow, that is our balance, that is where our desire for more of God will truly, or completely, be satisfied. More resources aren’t the answer, more one-on-One is.

Don’t fall into tweeting meditation but instead dwell on what God will reveal in your own lonely place. Don’t let godly conversations, worship music or books about Christianity replace prayer, personal worship and reading of God’s word. A lot of Christians treat their walk with God like they do twitter; they hit follow, but only allow His voice to be one of the many.

University of Windsor removes convocation prayer after lobbying by atheist group

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WINDSOR (CUP) — The prayers of atheists have been answered by the University of Windsor with the removal of Christian prayer from convocation ceremonies in favour of a personal moment of reflection. Holly Ward, chief communications officer for the university, confirmed the change. “It’s definitely a tradition of the University of Windsor to use a prayer, as it has been a tradition to use prayers at most universities nationwide,” she said. “Having a moment of reflection is not unusual. It’s changed because we have a changing campus. We have a lot of diversity on our campus ... we want to make sure you feel included.” “The decision was made at the presi-

dent [Alan Wildeman’s] level because concerns had come to his office,” Ward added. Shawna Scott, student and president of the Windsor-Essex County Atheist Society, had lobbied for the prayer’s removal and feels validated by recent decision. “I’m really proud of the university for making this change,” she said. Scott challenged the line of the convocation prayer, which refers to an “eternal God” as “the source of all goodness, discipline and knowledge,” explaining that, “The end result of us graduating is a product of our hard work, support from our family and friends and everyone working really hard to build our own success. To us, it doesn’t come from a deity ... it makes it really awkward to be there and feel excluded like that.” Scott founded the atheist group in

2010. Its 170 members fundraise for charities and provide a network of non-believers with resources and support. “The sentiment of a prayer is a beautiful one,” said Paul Anderson, a member of the atheist society. “However, it’s impossible to write it in such a way that can accommodate all faiths, including those who don’t believe in god.” “Or even those who believe in more than one god,” Scott added. Scott first expressed concerns about the prayer following her undergraduate graduation in 2010 and again in 2011 in formal letters to university. She never received a reply from administration. In preparation for the fall 2012 convocation ceremony, where Scott would be recognized for obtaining her master’s degree, she wrote the university once more,

suggesting a moment of personal reflection as an alternative to the traditional prayer. A month after the letter was sent, Ward confirmed the change to The Lance. According to the new script, Reverend Mary Templer of the University Community Church will ask the graduates to, “Take a moment to reflect on those who guided you along your path of learning, to appreciate our families, our teachers, our peers, the world in which we live and all that inspires us.”

“There’s another piece that people miss,” pointed out Kaye Johnson, director of the university’s human rights office. “There is a lot of diversity within Christianity and the type of prayer is not reflective of all of Christianity. There was discomfort that’s not only within people who

have a different faith, but also of Christian faith.” “The thing with public prayer in a context like that, it also imposes words onto people,” Johnson said, explaining that even those who wish to pray at convocation cannot choose what is being prayed to and why. Jordan Legg of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is not troubled by the change. “I’m more concerned about people actually engaging with who Jesus is and loving him completely with their words and actions rather than giving him lip service at a convocation ceremony,” he said. Legg explained that his group talks about Christianity with students on campus, and for him “teaching others to love Jesus” is more important than maintaining a campus tradition.

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1- Addition column;
5- Express;
8- Downfall;
12- Monetary unit of Lesotho;
13- Judges' garments;
15- Not _ many words;
16- _ kleine Nachtmusik;
17- Customary;
18- Very dry champagne;
19- Mum's mum;
22- Clean air org.;
23- Where some vets served;
24- _ vu;
26- Stage plays;
29- Pretended;
31- Driver's aid;
32- Monetary unit of Zambia;
34- Jack;
36- _ browns;
38- 71% is under water;
40- Abba of Israel;
41- Fuming sulphuric acid;
43- Gives a 9.8, say;
45- Old Ford;
46- Peace salutation;

48- Federal soldier in the Civil War;
50- Pealed;
51- 1950 film noir classic;
52- Brit's raincoat;
54- Woman who sails a yacht;
61- Bounce back;
63- Bullwinkle, e.g.;
64- Gammy;
65- Nothing, in Nantes;
66- Dole out;
67- Monogram ltr.;
68- Corm of the taro;
69- Loser to DDE;
70- Capone's nemesis;

Down

1- Designer Cassini;
2- Film _ ;
3- Gas burner or Sicilian volcano;
4- Yellowish brown pigment;
5- Fair;
6- Adjoin;
7- Casual assent;
8- Curved bone;
9- Illegible;
10- The jig _!;
11- _ bene;
13- Fossick;
14- Snow conveyances;
20- Ruin;

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25- Sixth month of the year;
26- Trades;
27- Investigated;
28- Body of honeybees;
29- Minor;
30- Egg-shaped;
31- Howe'er;
33- Baseball stat;
35- Break off;
37- Hawaiian native dance;
39- Earphone;
42- Numerous;
44- Reason to cancel school;
47- Brightly colored lizard;
49- Fine white clay;
52- Nothing more than;
53- Biting;
55- Soft drink;
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59- French friends;
60- Devices for fishing;
62- Lennon's lady;

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