

## Hingston powerless 144 students blacked out

by Alessandro Turati

Despite a part-time generator providing light and some heating, Concordia's Loyola residence could not support all its students during the power blackout.

Concordia's 144 residents were left without power for 10 days: from January 6th at 1:30 a.m. to Friday the 16th.

Some of them were asked to go home if they could, said Jeff Peters, Assistant Director for the residents.

Nevertheless, many of them, including foreign and out of province students, had no one to turn to on the island of Montreal. They were forced to come together during the blackout.

Loyola High School served as a shelter during the power outage, but Concordia residents did not go there to avoid overcrowding.

Peters said there was a collective effort from Security and the Dean of Students, Roger Cote, to watch over the residents. He also said the university as a whole was involved in helping the students.

Cote came frequently to make sure everything was all right with the residents, according to Peters.

"These guys worked 18 to 20 hours days, and then went back to their dark houses," said Peters about the effort security had put into helping out the residents.

"We just tried to make them as comfortable as possible," said Victor Fransisco, Operations Officer for Security.

Fransisco also said security did nothing more than was "in the line of duty." Security also served as a liaison between the residents and Physical Resources, he added.

Peters was also thankful to a staff member who helped the residents by bringing them food.

"He was an angel," said Peters.

The "angel" asked to remain anonymous, stating that he cooked for the residents not to be in the university's

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## If a tree falls in the city...



Ice buildup takes its toll on these wheels during "Ice Storm '98".

Andrew Dobrowolski, the Concordian

## Storm puts spring break on ice Concordia students get make-up classes on Sundays starting Feb. 8

by Anne-Marie Curatolo

In the aftermath of Ice Storm '98, Concordia students will be dealing with Sunday classes, and no spring break.

Many are attempting to get back into the swing of things after the worst ice storm to hit the region in almost four decades caused a two-week setback in the winter semester which was set to begin on Jan. 5, 1998.

All faculty deans, as well as the Office of the Registrar and Concordia Student Union (CSU) VP's James Edwards and Christine Cogger, gathered last week to determine a suitable course of action.

It was finally decided that the planned spring break which was to be held the week of Feb. 23, 1998 would be cancelled and make-up classes would be held on Sundays during the months of February and March.

Charles Emond, Concordia's vice rector services, felt there really was no other suitable alternative. He said the only other options were either to cover 80 per cent of the scheduled material or to extend the school year.

The first option was not adequate because students pay for a full course load and the latter would not work because many students start employment immediately at the end of the school year and student leases often expire at that time.

Emond said the university has a legal responsibility to deliver the full learning material for each course being offered. "We are providing a service the students are paying for. If you went to the dentist you wouldn't want them to do an 80 per cent professional job. You would expect complete service and attention."

He felt that being more lenient on marks would only deceive students to thinking they know the material when they don't. "Exams are feedback to the students."

He also added that the school attempted to consult with other universities about the situation but none had made a decision until the last minute, when it was too late.

Emond would have liked to have added on to class time, but unlike McGill University, he said, Concordia has no extra available classrooms. Each individual department at McGill will decide if and how it will make up for lost classes after missing one week of school.

CSU VP Academic Cogger also noted that McGill has a strict contract with the teachers

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# More emergency loans

## Concordia trying to help students affected by ice storm

by Charles Pépin

Maha Alquisi is one of the many Concordia students who were financially affected by Ice Storm '98. Alquisi, a first year Electrical-Computer Engineering student, said she lost \$100 worth of food during the blackout.

"I left my apartment for 3 1/2 days (she had no electricity) and when I came back it was all wasted," she said.

In line at the Financial Aid & Awards Office, Alquisi did not know Concordia is doing its part to relieve financially affected students in the aftermath of Ice Storm '98.

The office has increased the number of emergency loans available for students. They can borrow a maximum of \$200 in an urgent situation. Situations vary from buying food to paying tuition fees according to Jacqueline Brathwaite, Acting Director at the Office.

She said "50 to 100 students per day could be helped by these emergency loans."

"Usually, eight emergency loans are given every day. But now, 'till next week (this Fri-



US power company helps to restore power in NDG.

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day), loans will be given on a need only basis, instead of being exclusively for students who are on the loan-bursary system," explained Stephanie Adolfson, a Financial Aid & Awards Office clerk.

Alain Simoneau, a 3rd year Contemporary Dance student, was glad to hear about the extra help from the university.

"It's a university's duty to offer more help in times like this," said Simoneau who was also thinking of using the emergency loans offer.

Brathwaite warned that the loans weren't gifts.

"These loans must be repaid before the end of the semester.

They are added on the student's account balance."

As for those who could not get their government loans because of the ice storm, Brathwaite added "a lot of students had their winter-term loans available since the end of November but waited 'till the blackout days to come and get their loans. Loan cheques are computer managed, and we need power to run computers."

Brathwaite mentioned that the in-course bursary deadline will be extended 'till January 23, and the bursary amounts will probably be reduced in order to help more students.

# University was lucky

## Cooling tower at Vanier Library was only reported damage

by Nadine Ishak

Concordia was lucky enough to survive this month's devastating ice storm with minimal scarring.

"There really wasn't any damage," said Michael Di Grappa, executive director of physical resources.

Broken tree branches and ice falling off of roofs were the only real risks, said security operations officer Victor Francisco. He added that the icy pathways made it hard for the grounds crew to keep up.

The heavy ice damaged a cooling tower during the storm -- something that could affect Vanier Library's air conditioning during the summer months. Though it will be expensive, Di Grappa said it will be fixed.

Loyola campus was without power from early Tuesday, January 6 to last Friday, the 16. The Hall building was blacked out from Friday, the 9 until Tuesday the 13.

Francisco said people trying

to get onto campus was a problem because of the safety hazards. This was especially difficult to control at Loyola, where

people can access the campus in so many different ways.

No break-ins were reported at Concordia during the power outage. Francisco said this could be largely attributed to the fact that the university maintained the same amount of security staff even when there was no power.

Although electricity has returned to both campuses, there are still conditions which pose a threat to people's safety. Francisco said students can do their part by reporting any falling ice or branches to security, and respecting any yellow barricade tape.



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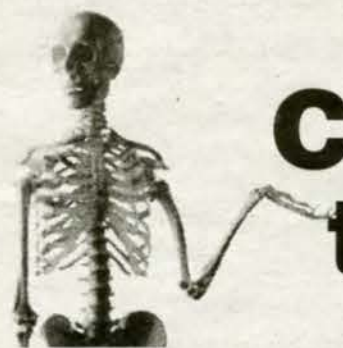
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## Chilled to the Bone

**Y**ou have survived Ice Storm '98. (Well most of you have anyway. Kudos to those on the South Shore and in the black triangle. It is beyond me how anyone could survive this long without a nice shower, clean clothes and actually going to bed without your gloves, ski goggles and ski jackets on.)

And for those of you who for some reason or another were lucky enough to have electricity the entire time - you know who you are: that house in the middle of McGill ghetto who kept their Christmas lights on the entire time and rented Alive as a sick joke - Mother Nature may have forgotten you, but she will remember some day...

For the rest of Montreal Island, here are some memories from Ice Storm '98:

- As a result of "lost power syndrome," you refuse to buy groceries or any perishable items for fear that you may lose power once again.
- When the lights finally came on, some five, six, or nine days later, you noticed candle wax stains all over your favorite sweaters, pyjamas etc.
- You actually listened to CBC radio.
- You called every person you've ever known and have not spoken to in months, years, decades because this was your only form of entertainment.
- Excerpts from some of your phone conversations may have went along the lines of: "Sorry but I can't hang up, my ear is stuck to the telephone receiver" or "I must keep talking because I'm afraid that if I fall asleep, I may never wake up."
- Your only form of entertainment died after your phone line got cut off.
- After days of sleeping with your

boyfriend/girlfriend, you suddenly realized the two of you can't stand each other.

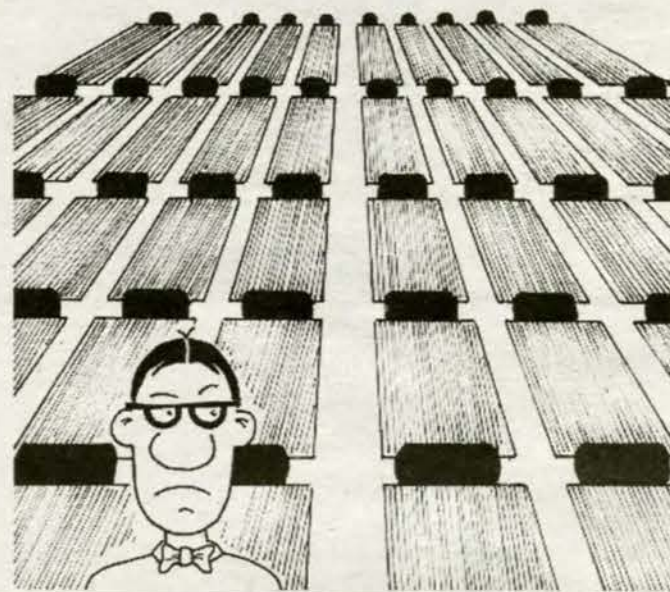
- After days of sleeping in a spooning position with your friend/roommate, you realized you'd much rather have a boyfriend/girlfriend.
- When you finally found a store that sold batteries, you stocked up only to come home to realize the energizer bunny really doesn't last longer.
- After finding a store that actually sold flashlights, heat lamps and candles, you stocked up on the best maglights and 26-hour candles only to go back home to your lights being back on.
- After returning the \$100 you just spent, you come back home to your lights out again.
- After having your lights go on and off one too many times, you were rushed to the hospital with "teaser shock syndrome" only to have the lights go out there as well.
- After reading André Picard's column in the Globe & Mail that this ice storm was merely a nuisance, and not a state of national emergency, you start plotting ways to bomb their head office and make them see a real state of emergency.
- After laughing at your friend for bringing over a dozen candles to your nice Westmount home, your power goes out as you walk out of the shower.
- After bragging to everyone that you still had power, your lights go out when everyone else's come back on.

by Elisabeth Napolano  
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## Adrian's World

by Adrian Griggs

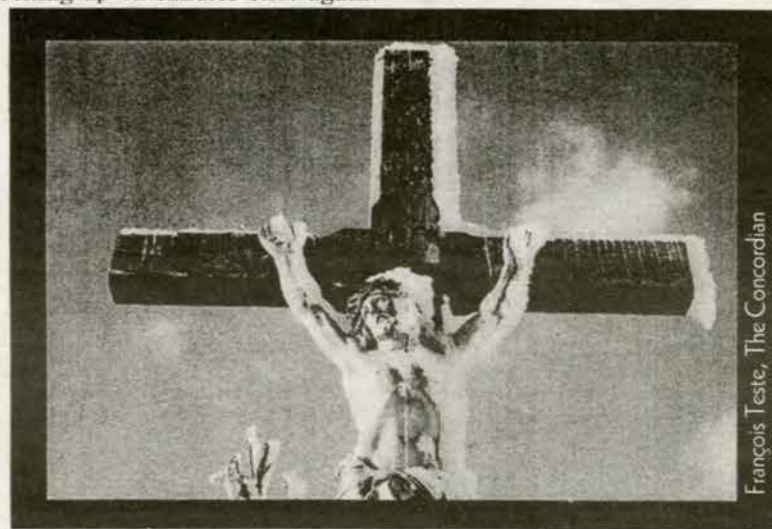
Noah sat in class for three days before he found out that classes were cancelled due to the ice storm.



## Easy come, easy go

As we are going to print, we have just found out that our Ice Storm memories may not be memories at all but reality one more time.

At around 3 p.m. Tuesday, the east end of the city lost power along with McGill University and all metro lines, causing chaos once again in Montreal's downtown core. People returning home from work on the first day that Hydro announced it was safe to have normal business hours found themselves waiting for the metro lines to start working again, waiting in long lines for buses, trying to stop a taxi, and being stuck in traffic as pedestrians once again took over the downtown streets. Should the rest of the city start stocking up on candles once again?



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# Axing break was only suitable alternative: Emond

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which includes a spring break, that cannot be broken.

Emond feels that too much information has already been lost and make up classes on Sundays are absolutely essential in order to cover all the material. He said that when classes begin, professors will discuss how the missed content will be made up for. Some courses may even be extended.

Emond said the decision depends highly on the program of study. As an example, he mentioned that Music and Drama students might not have to make up for lost work as their load is lighter in comparison to, for example, Engineering students, whose course load is extremely heavy. "Certain programs have much more flexibility."

Cogger mentioned that an extension of the school year would push back classes and the start of the fall semester. She also added that classes on Sun-

days are entirely up to the professor's discretion and that certain courses may simply be extended by ten minutes.

George Vatisas, Associate Dean of Engineering, felt the cancellation of spring break and make-up classes on Sundays are absolutely essential for his students. He said his department could not afford to prolong the winter semester because the summer session commences immediately.

"Academically, it won't affect the students. We would have liked them to have a break, but in view of this catastrophe we didn't have any other choice," he said.

As far as previously scheduled trips during the break are concerned, Emond said that many airline companies, such as Air Canada, have changed their refund policies in light of the circumstances.

He also added that depending on the program, students might be able to afford to miss a week of school by having a colleague take notes and discussing it



Waiting for the latest news in a shelter

Andrew Dobrowolski, the Concordian

with the professor beforehand.

Chantal Dandurand is a 1st-year Fine Arts student who felt that taking away the spring break should have been the school's last option.

"They should have worked around the situation like McGill did. A lot of students have already made travel arrangements and many people use the opportunity to go home to visit their family as it is the only chance they get," she said.

Dandurand had planned to go away down south and had already booked the week off from work a month ago. She only hopes that she can now get her lost hours back.

"I can't believe the student union helped to make the decision to cancel the break. They're supposed to represent the students - how many students felt this alternative should have been chosen?" she said.

Other students felt the cancellation of the break was not a big deal. Second year Journalism student, Sudha Krishnan, is content with the university's decision.

"We've already had a two week break. I'd rather finish school quickly than extend it into the summer holi-

days," she said.

CSU VP External Dave Smaller admits that he will miss having a break in the semester but said that most students he's spoken to prefer this option over an extended school year.

He also added that the university is required to teach a minimum amount of hours.

Vatisas reminds students that the circumstances are special and feels that all professors in his department will be willing to accommodate students who have already made other plans.

"It may seem like a cruel and uncaring decision," said Emond, but he felt the education of the students was the number one priority in this difficult decision. He added that all the pros and cons of each option were discussed. He also believes that professors will be very accommodating to students with prior engagements.

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# icy memories

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Concordia's students come from far and wide on the Island of Montreal and beyond. Some were hit very hard by Ice Storm 98 and some did not lose power for long. Many had to share their homes with family and friends or stay with others while they waited for the blackout to end.



## Tara Boyle, 19

Commerce

"I left my house. My power was out for four days so I went to my grandmother's and then our power came back on. The cats were probably smarter than we were. We made a fire and laid out our sleeping bags and the cats were the first ones in them."



## Melanie Crichlow, 19

Economics

"We spent the first night at my house but it was too cold the next day so we stayed at my grandmother's for three days. Then she lost her power so my grandmother, aunt, uncle, cousin and their dog lived at my house for five days. All of my fish died."



## Rabih Sebaaly, 21

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"I was alright. We didn't miss any power. My house became a shelter for my family and friends. There was nothing to do downtown and we were fed up of playing cards so I went skiing at St-Sauveur and I brought my friends with me."



## Lan Li, 24

Accounting

"I stayed at home. We didn't have power for four days and we had people staying over. The building next to us caught fire and 16 apartments were destroyed. The fire department closed that building and my building so we went to a shelter. I was happy to have two weeks holiday but sometimes I felt that I had nothing to do."

## Lara Baklayan, 19

Actuarial mathematics

"I wasn't depressed. I'm from Lebanon so I'm used to not having power because of the war. My area wasn't hit too bad. We didn't have power for two days. I had people stay over for two nights. When the power went off in downtown Montreal, I went to meet my friend to exchange Christmas gifts. We had to run because the ice was falling everywhere."

# Where was Concordia when it

# Ice

all photos by Andrew Dobrow

# Storm

## Dominic Proce, 21

Geography

"The storm didn't affect me at all. We had a family over for dinner but they went home that same night."

## Stefania Fabrizi, 21

Business administration

"We lost power for four days but we had a wood stove and a gas burner. We were warm but we had nothing to do. We played cards, made a skating rink and watched the trees fall. We had people stay over. There were 12 kids and 6

## Pasquale Bruzzese,

Economics

"We missed power for three days but we had a stove so we didn't suffer too much from an old car radio and a car battery to enter to the news. We lost some meat in the blackout."



## Remi Guerrero, 21

History

"No problem! I had lights on all the time. My grandparents and cousins came for one night. My lights flickered twice

# Concordia the lights went out?

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## Concordia staff in the dark

**Suzanne Belson, Ombudsperson at Sir George Campus.**

I worked in a shelter and they were short of beds. I got gym mats from our Loyola campus and we dragged out 100 mats and took them to the shelter. [Working at the shelter] was the only time that I felt the adrenaline, otherwise it was really tiring.

**by An Dieu Pham**

My power was off for a week. I was grateful to my children who gave me a fondue pot for Christmas, until I ran out of fondue fuel. The Friday the University closed, I had planned to go to my kids who have had power, but then they called and said they lost their power. I said 'Well, I'm going to go back to the office; I have a couch and I have a bathroom, and I have a microwave, and I have a fridge, and that's all what I really needed.' 20 minutes later the power went out at the downtown campus.

The superintendent of the apartment next to Belson's house lent her electricity. "She plugged the extension cord in the basement of her apartment building. I took it up through my kitchen window. I could go into my bedroom with an extension cord and a power bar and have all the luxury: electric blanket, TV, VCR, two lamps. I lived like that for two days. But then the power went off in the apartment building.

**Roger Côté, Acting Dean of Students.**

"This past week, coming to work when everything was shut down in the building, it was very quiet... there was nobody in the building; That was quite an eerie feeling. I felt very fortunate. I had a power outage for only one night and three days, but I had a fireplace at home.

I learned how to play cards, had a few games by candlelight. My mode of thinking was not so much about my personal issues because I didn't have that many, it was rather what were some of the concerns (altered academic calendar, financial problems, etc.) that students were having."

**Charles Emond, Vice-Rector, Services.**

"Personally, it was like having an office at home because the fire wasn't burning, but the telephone was burning up. I only lost power for about four days and having spent some time in the military, it wasn't a particular great hardship for me to stand cold weather like that. [My wife and I] spent several hours looking for seeds for the birds, because, you know, sometimes you forget about these poor creature who have become dependent on artificial feedings. So when our supplies began to go down, we began to be as concerned about feeding them as we were about feeding ourselves."

[As far as work was concerned,] "the big challenge was to keep the university in a survival mode during all of that, minimizing the damages, and making sure communication got out to people. It's been one of the busiest times for me since I've arrived at the University. It's also been one of the most rewarding times that I've had, to see... [that] people had a special care for the university. I'm very impressed with the Concordia support people, security people, student services... They acted in many ways like a good family acts."

**Marcel Danis, Vice-rector, Institutional relations**

"I was in Florida for the Christmas holiday and when I got home we had no electricity. I went to my daughter's (in Varennes), stayed there for three days and she went out of electricity. Mine came back Saturday night, and when I got home, I realized the pipes were broken and the water was coming in. We can't find a plumber, [them being very much demand now]. I moved three times since the beginning. I was at my daughter's, went to my in-laws, then at my son's, and I still don't have a place. Things aren't going too well. It's unsettling but when you have family, it makes it much easier. It was much worse for a lot people."

**Yves Gilbert, Director of utilities and energy conservation**

"I have a wood stove at home. It's a very efficient wood stove so I just had to burn some wood in the morning, cook on it, and do the same at night. I gave my neighbours some of my woods, but I told them to use them wisely.

I kept pots of water on the stove to always have hot water to wash myself or to cook. To wash myself, I used a kind of plastic bucket and a [pail]. I'd go into the bathtub, kneel down and take [pails] of hot water and wash myself. It took a long time but it was efficient.

I'm a little bit exhausted because I had my house to take care of and also the Concordia buildings."

**Dr Frederick Lowy, Rector**

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# Ice storm, blackout chill b-ball teams

## Four home games played at McGill; Stingers look listless

### Show Your Stripes

By Bryan Parker  
Sports Editor

Earlier this month, Dave Miller-Johnston became only the second Concordia Stinger to play in the Shrine Bowl. The Shrine Bowl, played in Palo Alto, California on Jan. 10, is a showcase game for graduating seniors hoping to show off for NFL scouts.

In 1991, Stinger Paul Vajda played in the game, and went on to join the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

When I phoned Concordia head coach Pat Sheahan for some comments, he obviously had nothing but good things to say about his star kicker.

He used words like "tremendous opportunity" and "tremendous achievement."

He described how he believed the team would have fared better at the end of the season and in the playoffs if Miller-Johnston hadn't been injured, and he talked about how Miller-Johnston could kick, run, pass and block.

"I don't know what else you could ask of him," said Sheahan. "It's nice to know you have an athlete of that calibre (on your team)."

Now, my opinion probably won't have any impact on the final decision, and just because I'm saying this doesn't mean I'm endorsing this, but I have a feeling he'll be named Concordia's male athlete of the year.

Miller-Johnston was one of two Canadians in the game. the other was UBC's Bob Beveridge, a tackle.

Men's basketball coach John Dore is still getting from place to place on crutches, after his November injury. It didn't stop him from doing a lot of standing and arguing during the weekend's games, that's for sure. His recovery, therefore, may be ahead of schedule. Or was that technical foul near the end of Saturday's game assessed for disobeying doctor's orders?

The Theresa Humes women's hockey tournament will take place this weekend. While looking over last year's rosters from the tourney, I saw the names of seven members of Canada's Olympic women's hockey team. One was Therese Brisson, a member of Concordia's sports hall of fame, who played for the Maritime Sports Blades, as did national team members Stacy Wilson, Kathy McCormack and goaltender Lesley Reddon. The University of Toronto Varsity Blues roster included Laura Shuler, Jayna Hefford and Lori Dupuis.

I haven't seen the final roster for the

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By Bryan Parker

Click the heels of your Nikes together three times and repeat after me: "There's no place like home, there's no place like home..."

The Concordia Stingers men's and women's basketball teams were chased from the Loyola campus by a frigid and dark gymnasium.

The ice storm blacked out the athletic complex on the south side of Sherbrooke St. until Friday, but the damage had been done. The four Concordia home games had already been rescheduled for Friday and Saturday afternoon at McGill.

The ice storm also stole practise time away from the Stingers, and even displaced some from their homes. Things weren't too sweet away from the beehive.

Against the Laurentian Voyageurs on Friday, Concordia's men's team lost 91-80 and the Lady Stingers fell 64-50 to the Lady Vees.

On Saturday, the women's team actually won, 65-51 against the York Yeowomen.

The men's squad fell 89-65 to the Yeomen. Stinger guard Mark Spence, disgusted, called the loss "embarrassing."

Jay Prosper was the high-scoring Stinger in both games, netting 15 points against York and 18 against Laurentian.

Following the York game, Spence - who had 16 points against Laurentian - reluctantly agreed to discuss the two defeats.

He acknowledged the ill effects of the ice storm and power outage.

"It hurt us a lot because a lot of guys are out of shape a little," he said. "Chemistry is definately a little bit off right now."

Head coach John Dore singled out Spence as one player who is playing consistently, unlike a number of his Stinger teammates.

"We're talking a good game," said Dore, "but we're not playing a good game."

"Talk is cheap," he continued in his best sports clichés. "It's time to put up or shut up."

"We didn't put up, so we'd better shut up now."

Spence was named MVP of a tournament at Dalhousie University between Jan. 2-4.

The Stingers won all three of their games in the tilt, 71-65 against the St. Mary's Huskies, 75-70 against the host Tigers and 71-65 against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

In a tournament in Winnipeg, the Stingers won one of three games. They lost 78-77 to the Brock Badgers and 88-72 to the Lethbridge Pronghorns before winning 64-63 against the Saskatchewan Huskies.

Stinger Guylaine Blanchette scored 20 points in the women's team's win over York.

She said a lack of conditioning had more to do with her team's lackluster performances on the weekend than lack of



Stinger Jay Prosper flies towards the basket against York.

Andrew Dobrowolsky, The Concordian

practice.

"We had three good practices, so I can't really blame it on that," she said after Saturday's game, "but maybe the 'shape.' Now we're getting more and more in shape."

Head coach Keith Pruden said that he was happy that his team won, but was displeased overall.

He pointed out that his team made 30 turnovers, "which is not acceptable."

The Stingers, he said, played better against York than they did against Laurentian.

"We played better defence and we made some better decisions on offence," said Pruden, "and frankly, we were playing a weaker team."

"Laurentian beat us because they played better than we did."

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## Athlete of the week

The Athlete of the Week receives a Classic Combo and beverage courtesy of LA CAGE AUX SPORTS



**Mark Spence**  
This recognition may be a little late, but Spence was the MVP of a basketball tournament at Dalhousie University between Jan. 2-4. He led the Stingers to victories over the St. Mary's Huskies, Dalhousie Tigers and St. Francis Xavier X-Men.

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# Concordia's volleyball team very hard-hit by ice storm

## Both Stinger hockey teams, however, post victories

The Concordia Lady Stingers volleyball team didn't practice once during the post-ice-storm blackout, and that had a strong affect on the team's performance against Sherbrooke and Laval this weekend, according to head coach Melanie Sanford.

She wanted to postpone the games.

On Monday, the team practiced for the for time since the storm began. Unfortunately, the team played two matches against the Sherbrooke Vert et Or and the Laval Rouge et Or on the weekend.

The Stingers lost 3-0 to both Sherbrooke and Laval, and are currently 0-10 in the QSSF. "We did not play well," said Sanford, "but we did our best."

She pointed out that some of the team's players live on the South Shore, where storm damages have been extensive and long to repair.

### Men's Hockey

The men's hockey team resumed OUA league play with two victories, against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues (5-3 on Saturday) and the Guelph Gryphons (7-4 on Sunday).

Eric Nadeau led the Concordia attack against the Gryphons, who fell into a four-way tie for ninth place in the CIAU Top Ten after the loss.

Nadeau scored a hat trick and assisted on another goal. Captain Dave Szabo had two goals and an assist. Yan St. Pierre also scored twice.

Szabo and St. Pierre were both among the five different goal-scorers against Toronto.

Mark Teskey, Alexandre Charette and Casey Lemansky also found the net.

The Stingers are now 5-6-2 in OUA action.

The Stingers were busy before the storm hit.

On Jan. 3, the team defeated the host Colby White Mules in a tournament. The final score was 5-4.

Szabo scored his fourth goal of the game in overtime to secure the victory. Nadeau got the other Stinger goal.

The next day, the Stingers lost 3-2 to RIT. St.



Pierre and rookie Martin Corbeil recorded the Concordia goals.

On Jan. 6, Szabo represented Concordia in the OUA All-Star Game, played at York University.

### Women's Hockey

The Lady Stingers hockey team also played some exhibition games before the big storm.

On Jan. 3, the Stingers defeated 4-Glaces 4-3. On Jan. 4, they downed Jofa-Titan 7-2.

Jofa-Titan and 4-Glaces are both elite Montreal-area teams.

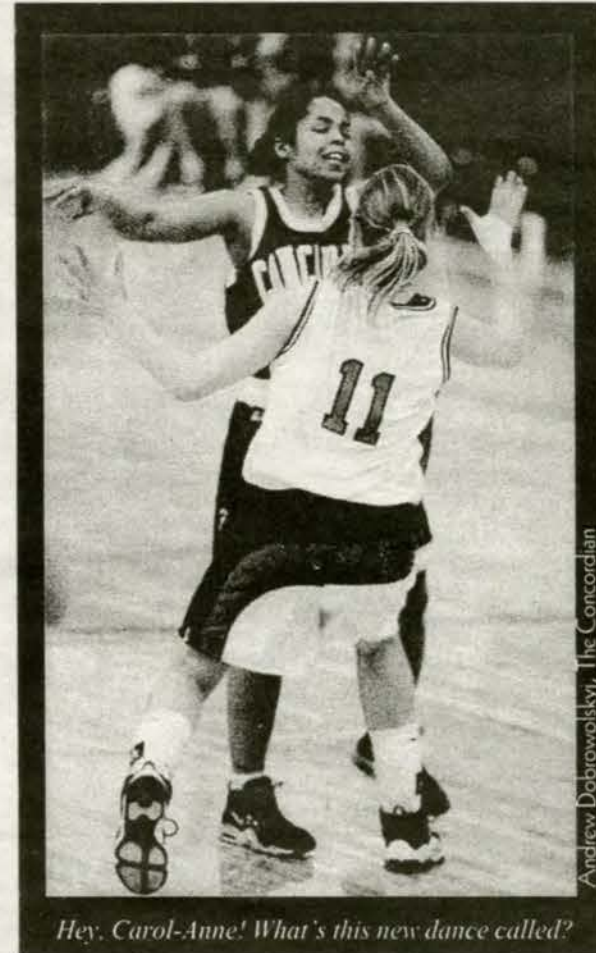
Against 4-Glaces, Ante Rodrigue scored twice. Catherine Bertrand and Mai-Lan L e each scored one.

Concordia netminder Jessika Audet made 33 saves in the contest.

The following day, Corinne Swirsky netted a hat trick against Jofa-Titan, and Bertrand scored twice. Rodrigue and Kari Colpitts each scored one goal.

On Friday, the team returned to action in a tournament in Boston, winning 4-1 against the Providence Lady Friars. Tara Campbell had two goals in the affair. Bertrand and Karen Kendall also scored.

On Saturday, Audet shut out the New Hampshire Wildcats, leading the team to a 4-0 victory. Concordia goalscorers included Colpitts, Delaney Collins, Lisa-Marie Breton and Rodrigue.



Hey, Carol-Anne! What's this new dance called?

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The Stingers faced the host Northeastern Huskies in their final test of the tourney, and won with another shutout. Lisa Herritt made 32 saves and Bertrand scored the game's only goal as Concordia won 1-0.

### Upcoming Stinger Events:

#### Friday, Jan. 23

Theresa Humes Women's Hockey Tournament

New Hampshire vs St. Laurent	2 p.m.
Toronto vs 4-Glaces	4 p.m.
Dartmouth vs UQTR	6 p.m.
Concordia vs Guelph	8 p.m.

Women's Volleyball at Ottawa Tournament

Women's Basketball vs Laval 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs Laval 8 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 24

Theresa Humes Women's Hockey Tournament  
semi-finals, consolation semi-finals

Track & Field at McGill

Women's Volleyball at Ottawa Tournament

Men's Hockey at Ottawa 3:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball at Bishop's 6 p.m.


Men's Basketball at Bishop's 8 p.m.

#### Sunday, Jan. 25

Theresa Humes Women's Hockey Tournament

four games, including Championship @ 3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball at Ottawa Tournament



## PULLING ON REALITY

the plug

by Robert Payne

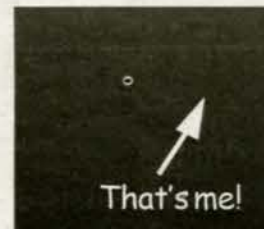

\*Rob note: Due to the ice storm my column has been temporarily moved to a shelter, here in Bryan's sports section... thanks Parkman

### Damn Mother Nature

I saw I poster up on the wall yesterday Wanted DEAD or ALIVE: Mother Nature.... she is in soooooo much trouble. Y'know for once I don't know what poses a greater threat to civilization: an old (and obviously senile) lady with a wand that creates the weather or the Spice Girls? For more Mother Nature bashing please read on.

I know that it seems a very "Hollywood" type thing to do when you get older, get a little nip here, a little tuck here, lift and all that plastic surgery stuff, but when I get old the only thing I'm gonna have done to me is a scrotum tuck. The reason for this is quite simple, apparently as guys get older their scrotum (that little bag which so nicely carries our jewels around) has a tendency to well sag and lose some of their elasticity to well bounce back into their original place. I tell everyone this because I read somewhere that some old guy in a gym got out of the shower one day and when he went to sit down on a bench, he well kinda sat directly on them. <insert a sudden shudder of pain for most if not all men here> When I get old I'm gonna make sure that my balls ain't hanging down to my knees, damnit no saggy balls here folks, I want them nice and snug against my skin. Geez y'know that's probably more than most of you want to know about me but hey, why not share huh?

Q: What lasts longer than Xmas fruitcake? A: Turkey leftovers. I should know 'cause it's the middle of January and I've just finished the last of them.

Umm here's a picture of me and my family during the power outage in Montreal.... we umm forgot that we used the batteries for the radio.

Apparently to make up for all the money spent during this recent little disaster the Quebec government is thinking of coming out with an Ice Storm 98 clothing line. Look for a "I survived Ice Storm 98 and all I got was this stupid tee-shirt" coming soon. Everyone who buys a tee shirt will get a certificate of authenticity signed by Lucien Bouchard and Mother Nature (who if you ask me is probably the next person to get their ass fired from their cushy little job and will soon be seen at a local unemployment office). The certificate also comes with a genuine piece of a Hydro tower. The shirts will be sold to anyone who is dumb enough to read this far and still believe I'm telling you the truth.

As always you can send me mail and stuff at [rs\\_payne@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:rs_payne@alcor.concordia.ca)

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Their Lines vs. Ours

How the Quebec, Canadian and American print media handled Ice Storm '98

by Mylène Wasfy

It was worse than anything previously witnessed in Quebec. It was compared to Beirut and Sarajevo, except there were no bombs... just ice pellets. First they came from the sky, then from skyscrapers. To me, it seemed that hell froze over, melted, and then froze again. Nonetheless we all lived through it (most of us anyway), and won't get over it for a while.

Even if us civilians feel like the world came to a stop for a couple of weeks, the media kept on going. Television stations stayed on air during the entire crisis, though most of us couldn't watch it. Those who could, watched RDI falsely announce that Hydro was shutting off downtown Montreal at 3 pm on January 8th.

Radio kept informing the battery-powered households, as long as the stations' antennas weren't broken.

By process of elimination, the print media was our only link to what was really going on. Question is: did they?

As we were living through the crisis, the rest of the world watched. As we read our own newspapers, others wrote theirs. How objective could they have really been? Did they live through our natural disaster?

Who do you think was worse? To examine the situation thoroughly, I grabbed every newspaper I could get my hands on and decided to compare what they had to say. This may sound like I am presenting a hockey game, but here is Ice Storm '98: Montreal versus Toronto and New York.

Looking at Montreal's newspapers, it was obvious to me that La Presse was by far the most dramatic one around. Though the articles were quite factual, this paper decided to either scare or attract readers by describing the situation as Hell

(l'enfer!) on Friday #1 of the crisis (January 9th). The next day, "Everything was crumbling" (Tout s'écroule).

It seems as though it wasn't then that everything was crumbling, but rather last week. Having blue collar workers knock off the ice from tall downtown sky scrapers such as the Toronto Dominion building on the intersection of Ste-Catherine and Guy wasn't a walk in the park. It wasn't enough that we had to watch our step while walking on icy sidewalks; we also had to look overhead to make sure that blocks of ice didn't fall on our heads.

As for the situation to be described as hell, well you figure that if the government deploys the military in the streets, it would create hell in its purest form. It is certain that it wasn't much fun to be sheltered at a friend's house who was lucky enough to have power. Nor was it fun to be living in one of three neighborhoods that had power all along, sheltering 20 friends and relatives at a time. I believe that hell was not what we were living in, but the 17th century. It is believed that the human race once lived without electricity, and did it quite comfortably too.

The Gazette also decided to shock the public. It may not have always been on the cover page, but it certainly was not pretty, wherever it was. The cover of Thursday's issue used an interesting catch phrase: "Nature snaps its fingers."

If you were good little boys and girls, and attended your classes during the first week of school (those that weren't cancelled, anyway), you would have noticed

a very present crackling noise coming from above. Granted, that may have been a sound to enjoy for a while, for we don't enjoy nature enough.

Though once we found ourselves so lucky to witness a branch falling right in front us, praising whoever is up there for not letting it fall on us, I guess the enjoyment effect made its way out the door.

Saturday's newspaper showed us what kind of a crisis we were in when it exposed us to the fact that we have now reached the lowest of the low, looking for bread and water to survive. What would one expect if the city of Montreal announces that we have to boil our water when we don't have any electricity to boil it with? I do believe that most who lost electricity and stayed home, hid their food and stuck it outside, using nature as a refrigerator. Anyway, wouldn't you agree to pasta being the main part of our diet, and not bread?

It is now time to look at our wonderful neighbors' print medias, to see what they had to say about our catastrophe. First up: Canada's National Newspaper (so they say), The Globe And Mail. I do believe that this newspaper was more obsessed with what was happening here than we were!

Two weeks of first page headlines (12 issues, because they don't print on Sundays), with the exception of one issue when a Chinese Olympic swimmer got suspended from swimming because she was on drugs... shows they needed a break from us!

On Thursday January 8th, "Quebec ice storm kills three" appeared on the cover. Granted, it is a tragedy that people had to

die in the cold or by a snow plow, but it seemed bizarre to me that the same story, with almost the same headline, was found on page 8 of the Gazette. Therefore, that cover page article wasn't of extreme importance, and I accuse The Globe And Mail of over exaggerating a situation.

Last Wednesday's issue didn't show much of a catchy headline, but I thought it was quite hilarious to find Montreal's and Ottawa's weather forecasts on the front page. The headline was still quite scary: "Wave of freezing deaths feared." Yes, all 20 of them. I think I've said enough.

As opposed to The Globe And Mail, The New York Times only had one headline to our credit. I never noticed how small their headlines were. "Freeze Grips Canada, Already Iced and Powerless" was the headline on the cover of last Tuesday's issue. The photograph attached was the file photo of the fallen pylons on the South Shore. The author wrote he was in Montreal, but for some reason, I doubt it.

By the time last Tuesday came along, most of us had our power back, and public businesses were almost back to normal. Plus the freeze caught Ottawa, South West Quebec and a part of New Brunswick. Canada is a big country! Manitoba was probably feeling the indifference I was when they had their disaster a year or so ago.

Despite a close battle, I declare the foreign newspapers winners of the more eccentric headlines during Ice Storm '98. This coming from the observations made through the headlines and the fact that, in some international news media, our storm, with all but 20 deaths, was found more important than the massive Chinese earthquake, which caused over 200. When your grandmother calls from Egypt, praying you're alive, you wonder what information the media must have been feeding them.



Tout s'écroule

Food stores jammed

Bread and water are top priority for shoppers



Ontario Maritimes

Upper New

Nature snaps its fingers

Ice storm brings us together - and reminds us who's boss



C'est l'enfer!

Plus d'un million de foyers sans électricité

3000 militaires déployés dans la région

Deux vieillards meurent de froid



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# NOTICE: REVISED DATES

The University has adjusted the 1997-98 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Calendars for the Winter Term. The Mid-Term Break, originally scheduled from Monday, February 23 to Saturday, February 28 inclusive, has been cancelled (including Rector's Holiday).

Effectively, all undergraduate and graduate Winter 98 credit courses have lost two weeks of class due to the closure of the University from January 6 to 18 inclusive.

The January 12 to 17 week of class cancellations will be made up during February 23 to 28 inclusive. Classes will be held according to the regular weekly class schedule.

Earlier class cancellations must also be rescheduled. As Sundays are the only day of the week on which classes are not normally scheduled, make-up classes will normally be held on Sundays according to the following schedule:

Classes normally held on Monday will be held on	<b>February 8</b>
Classes normally held on Tuesday will be held on	<b>February 15</b>
Classes normally held on Wednesday will be held on	<b>February 22</b>
Classes normally held on Thursday will be held on	<b>March 1</b>
Classes normally held on Friday will be held on	<b>March 8</b>
Classes normally held on Saturday will be held on	<b>March 15</b>

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

The following deadlines have been adjusted:

Last day to add winter-term courses or make section changes **January 27**

Last day to apply for DEF/MED notation for Fall courses **January 29**

Last day to apply for degrees, diplomas and certificates for Spring 1998 graduation **January 30**

Deadline for withdrawal with full tuition refund for winter-term courses **February 2**

Deadline for fee payment **February 2**

Last day to apply for replacement and supplemental examinations for courses ending in December 1997 (graduating students only) **February 9**

Last day to apply for re-evaluation of courses ending in December 1997 **February 15**

Replacement and supplemental examinations for courses ending in December 1997 (graduating students only) **February 21**

University Writing Test, originally scheduled for January 16, has been rescheduled to **January 30**. All appointment cards issued for January 16 will be honoured. (Same time - same place).

*All other deadlines remain as published in the 1997-98 Undergraduate Academic Calendar, Section 11.*

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The following deadlines have been adjusted:

Course change period ends **January 27**

Last day for students to apply for Spring Convocation **January 30**

DNE deadline for withdrawal from Winter 1998 courses, with tuition refund **February 2**

Final payment deadline for course and other fees - Winter (1/4 courses) **February 2**

Last day to apply for Concordia University Graduate Fellowships **February 16**

Academic withdrawal deadline from Winter one-term courses (with partial tuition refund) **February 16**

Last day for doctoral thesis submission to the Thesis Office for Spring Convocation **March 5**

Last day for master's thesis submission to the Thesis Office for Spring Convocation **March 20**

*All other deadlines remain as published on page viii, in the 1997-98 Graduate Academic Calendar.*

