

The Great Concordia Parking Snafu

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In that corner with the hot pink trunks on we have Ashley Marzolf, junior, English major and aspiring lawyer defending the current parking situation at Concordia. In the other corner with the electric blue trunks on we have Eman Abdullahi, senior, Biology major, with medical school aspirations contesting the matter at hand. Ladies and Gentleman, welcome to the Great Concordia Parking Snafu. DING! DING! DING!

E: Oh my dear sweet Concordia, what are we doing with all this construction going on? It is absolutely ridiculous, didn't you promise you would have this stadium done and all these construction workers would be gone by the time fall semester resumed? This parking is so absurd!

A: The construction isn't going to last forever, it's a temporary inconvenience.

E: This lack of parking is not only annoying, (incredibly, incredibly, annoying), it is also dangerous! As a science major I am often here way into the wee mornings toiling away in the library or the lab, by the time I'm walking to my car it is dark and let's be honest this neighborhood is shady! Walking a couple blocks down is a danger to my delicate sensibilities, not to mention in the winter it is FREEZING!!

A: If someone feels that endangered they are encouraged to call the security office for an escort. As far as it being too cold to walk to your car safely, ITS MINNESOTA! WHAT TEMPERATURE DID YOU THINK IT WAS GOING TO BE IN JANUARY?! If it really was that cold school would be canceled, otherwise any danger can be related to stupidly not dressing for the weather.

E: Not to mention the annoying thing that happens when a winter advisory is issued and you can't park on the street, no matter how close you find a spot.

A: Don't complain about the winter advisories! They tell you to park in one of the five lots we are so graciously provided with so they can plow! If they didn't do that it wouldn't be safe to drive period!

E: I would be more than willing to park in the lots if they weren't so far away. Every kid living on campus didn't park Mommy and Daddy's car in the lots and leave no parking for the commuters. Seriously, you children leaving on campus should NOT be allowed to bring your cars here, especially when Minnesota has such a great public transportation system with a colorful clientele. Street parking only works if people know how to street park. See, parallel parking requires some semblance of consideration for others, which obviously some people on campus didn't learn from their mama's. I don't understand why it is so difficult for people to park in a way that not only leaves enough room for them to leave said parking spot, but also doesn't take up half of another potential parking spot unnecessarily. Seriously, leave a car length space behind you, not a golf cart sized space, but a CAR sized space!

A: The people you are referring to are incompetent and shouldn't have driver's licenses anyways! The GOOD parking at Concordia is one of the MAIN reasons I transferred back here! At Hamline not everyone gets a parking permit. You enter a lottery that favors upperclassmen and a few other students.

E: Ok but I'm at Concordia, I don't care about Hamline, and the Concordia website told me parking was convenient!

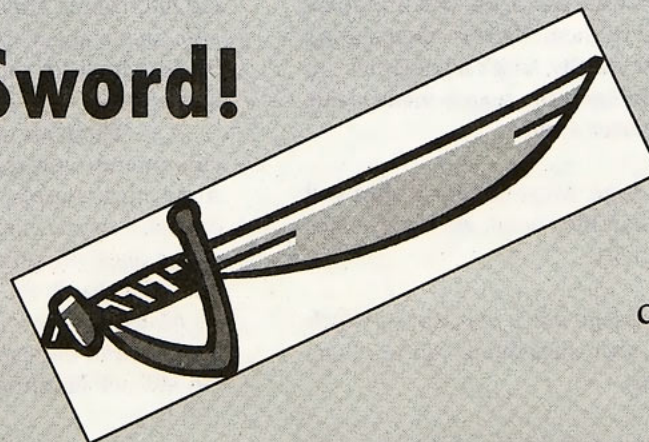
A: That's what I'm trying to say, clean the wax out of your ears! COMPARED TO OTHER SCHOOLS IT IS CONVENIENT! At least Concordia does not have metered parking! The people that go to the U of M would laugh at you if you complained to them about your parking situation!

Well kids, this has been a close battle, looks like we'll have to let it go to decision on this one.



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