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two know you're talking at the same time, right?" instantly causing my roommates and I watching the debate to burst into laughter. Of course, the moderator eventually was drawn into the chaos and there were several moments where all three individuals were trying to talk on top of each other.

Even the debate analysts afterwards were stunned and disappointed by what the evening turned out to be. While both made some decent points, those points were lost to viewers due to the candidates' behaviors. My guess is that anyone who was playing a debate drinking game that night probably got absolutely sloshed. It really makes you realize the silliness of it all. The Presidential Debate is supposed to be something people look forward to to decide who they think the ideal candidate is, not something they look forward to because they know they will have far too many drinks. It has become entertainment, a scary reflection of the state of American politics. The Vice-Presidential debate, on the other hand, was relatively watchable. Then there was the third star of the show: the fly that landed on Vice-President Mike Pence's head. One of my roommates thought it got stuck in his hair gel when it landed, but it flew away after he was finished answering the question. Again, it's telling when you find more interest in the stupid stuff that happens during the debate rather than the debate itself.

Masking Procedures During Practices

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OMPETITIONS FOR NCAA sports are still canceled due to COVID-19, but that does not stop CSP's sports teams from practicing. Many sports, such as track and field and women's soccer, are still in their own personal/professional practices with one another. Concordia's previously co-ed sports teams are now gender separated due to COVID-19.

A sports team that is practicing and adhering to the COVID-19 guidelines is CSP's women's soccer. The women's soccer team practiced in separate small groups working together while maintaining distance from others outside of their little pods prior to COVID testing. After COVID testing was implemented, they all were allowed to be in contact with each other when practicing with consistent sanitizing of equipment after each use.

Jena Berkland is a junior on the soccer team who is majoring in exercise science. She has been playing soccer for three years at CSP. Berkland states, "Soccer is currently running normal contact practices. We are just wearing masks when possible and sanitizing equipment as efficiently as possible in addition to testing 25% of players and staff every two weeks." Berkland shares this information accentuating the importance of health and safety on the team. The team is continuing to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The administrators are currently working on having professional, full contact, practices for all. Another example of a sport that's currently practicing is the CSP track & field teams.

They are currently keeping both men and women separate when practicing. In addition, they are also assigned small pods for each track & field event category.

Tara Doherty is a third year and exercise science major as well. This is her second year on the track & field CSP team. Doherty said, "Our practices are a bit different this year since we are separating the men's and women's teams and are in pods throughout practice." Doherty expresses how different this year is with practices because they have to wear face masks when they are not performing their tasks.

Track & field athletes are wearing their face masks when they are practicing together, unless they are performing alone before or after sanctioned practices. Even during warm-up laps, in between reps, and throughout short sprints, athletes are expected to keep their masks up.

Tara said, "We are not in our contact phase, and we wear masks for the entirety of this practice, unless we are doing individual workouts such as sprinting or dynamic warmups." She continues with, "We divide into pods for practices, each pod has their own lane while doing sprinting events, and we warm up 6 feet apart from each other."

While sport practices are important for these hardworking student athletes, they are now also keeping up to date with their social distance guidelines and remembering to wear face masks as much as possible.



Winter Sports.
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