

News Editorial

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The moment in which a student can choose to get involved in campus life is a big one for their current state of mind, as well as the possibilities opened to them further down the road. Crammed with assignments and studying, however, a student may feel as though this school work is the only matter at hand. Countless hours in a library take a toll on one's morale. While schoolwork is arguably paramount, stress does not have to be the only emotion experienced at college. Mary Poppins says "for every job that must be done, there is an element of fun". Perhaps for a student who grimaces at the front doors of their institute each time they enter, a club or activity may just be what they need.

Before I emailed the Students' Union, the apathy I carried to each class was apparent. I had the mindset of "get in, take some notes, and get out". For my first year at CNC, this was working—to an extent. I found success academically; yet, CNC was not a positive place for me. It took me almost an entire year to understand why. To associate college with

only negative emotions, as I was doing, was to eliminate the possibilities of getting the most out of my time on campus. I reached out to the Confluence to write, which is of keen interest to me. In actuality, the writing component is just the beginning of my involvement in this new role. Juggling school, a part-time job, and the work included in the job as editor will not be easy, but it is already rewarding.

I am eager to learn from those more experienced around me. As an English major, Psychology minor, this writing position is both intrinsically and extrinsically beneficial. Close associations with the English department at CNC promises to strengthen the works I present. First-hand journalism presents a symbiotic relationship to the reader and speaker. I learn from the student body, and I aim to join in the process of delivering news that affects many types of students. By doing so, I connect with the college more than I ever could have with the mindset I had last year.