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New Year's Resolutions

Make this year different from all the rest!



BY: PHYLLIS CHAN

As the New Year approaches, many of us are optimistic about resolutions for 2003. It is like experiencing the highs of a manic depressive, just to crash into the lows upon realization that the resolutions are not even close to being achieved.

I think we all try to make resolutions to change for the better, but how many of us actually achieve them? How long before we fall back into the bad habits of last year? How many people make the same resolutions year after year?

Living in a society that is obsessed with appearances, it's no surprise that the resolution to lose weight is number one every year. Sadly, few people follow through with their goals. The trainers at Fitness world tell me that January is always the busiest month of the year. Lots of gym "rookies" are really dedicated and determined to work out at the beginning, then fade away by the end of February. These are the vast majority who sign up on 2 year contracts, make monthly payments and never go work out more than a handful of times past January. This, I suspect, is the answer to Fitness World's profitability.

Second in line is the resolve to quit smoking, and ingesting other damaging substances. I

have friends who constantly tell me they are definitely quitting smoking, but I've heard it so many times, that even I have started to lose faith. Willpower is the backbone of any goal. And I must admit that I am just as guilty of making loopholes in previous resolutions as everyone else. Resolutions to quit but not really quit include "smoking's okay when I drink... or really stressed out...or really full." There's also the step that's not really a step. This is when you stop buying packs - only occasionally bumming cigarettes off friends, or buying them from strangers, when you're really desperate. This is where your generosity with cigarettes in the past is returned to you through karmic energy.

The most common barrier lies in unrealistic expectations. Sometimes we want to leap into drastic change, with no intention of doing the work to achieve it. There are people who really want to lose weight, but don't want to sacrifice the junk food or take the time to go to the gym. There's also those who swear they want to quit smoking, but give in every time they see a friend light up.

"Write down your short and long term GOALS four times a year. 2 personal, 2 business and one health goal." A class study at Yale found only 3% of the students had written goals. 20 years later, the same 3% were wealthier than the other 97% combined.

It really helps to set short term goals, that are easier to achieve. For example, if you really want to lose 10 pounds (your long term goal), have a short term goal of 1 pound per week. Otherwise, it's incredibly easy to become madly frustrated, and give up when you don't get quick results.

The whole point of making resolutions is to make your life better in some way. Initially the odds are discouraging, however going against the odds may be the only way to get somewhere. Realizing that its not going to be easy is probably the biggest step. It will feel good to say no to that cigarette, and to know that you have done something that few have been able to do.

Professionals say that one should seek support from friends and families to reach their desired state. However, I don't know how many of us secretive people are comfortable with that. They also say that we should imagine ourselves at our desired physical state. This will make us want it more, making us work harder for it. Some people take pictures of their bodies, and keep track of their progress by taking more pictures periodically and comparing them. Some write a list of pros and cons. My favorite one is to reward ourselves when we're good. This includes one day of junk food in moderation (shopping works too!) as a reward for eating healthy. Lastly, there's healthy competition between friends - such as work out partners.

There are so many ways to make resolutions a reality. Its really a question of searching for what works best for you, the rest should be downhill from there. It's also a test of the mind. Staying positive is the best way maintain will power, and remember that everyone slips up every once in a while. The biggest mistake would be to cheat and give up forever, or just until next January. Never ever give up! Good luck to everyone with resolutions for 2003.

How to Be Well Rounded

BY: COCO CHANEL

So you thought that last semester was hard, and now you know better, right? Are you promising to yourself that you won't go out so often, cut back on the working out at the gym, and will eliminate the 'goof' time with your friends? Well think twice about ditching the cheesecake with the girls and playing basketball with the guys, because this time is just as valuable as the eye-aching experiences in the library.

Well-rounded students too often see the 'square' students' scraping by. You know who they are: work, work, work and no play. How do they make it so far pushing themselves on their one educational edge? (We all know that eventually they lead themselves to some sort of friction in the long run, don't we?). So if we are the square ones (some symptoms include, more time spent on studying than sleeping and eating, conversation with friends consists mainly of school topics, questions and calculations, don't leave the library or home desk area unless absolutely have to), how do you round out those hard edges to become a more 'well-rounded' individual?

Here are some suggestions to buff out those

hard corners:

Remember to take time for yourself, since if you offer yourself a break from workaholism, competitiveness and stress of school, you will not risk the chance of losing many qualities that you later can offer your friends, classmates and school projects such as creativity and humour.

Take the initiative to be healthy. If the shell is fit, the seed will grow. Drink that water, try a new veggie, set out for the gym, and get the rest you deserve.

Start up a new hobby. You would know more than anyone else what have you always wanted to do. Start up a mask collection, fix up second-hand furniture, grow some cacti, who knows, there is something for everyone. Try something new today.

If you are always at war with the bank-book, make it a priority to settle out your finances. Figure out exactly how much money is coming in and what you are frivolously spending that money on. Make it a goal to save more than you have ever saved before, then treat yourself with something small.

Find time to get in touch with a power greater than yourself. Keep close to your spiritual connections, whomever they may be, for they too teach us many things that can't be found in dry textbooks or painful Power Point presentations.

Connect with the people around you. Listen intently to their experiences, always ask questions, get involved with as many different types of people as possible. Spend quality time with friends and family.

Living life fully means having to be 'well rounded.' Most of us would like to have a balanced life, but when it comes to doing it, we are not quite sure how. We have to realize that yes, school is important, but ultimately living a happy, fulfilling life is more important, and that the only person who knows how to balance school, health, spirituality, money, and friends and family is you. Even if you have never done it, the knowledge to live your life to the fullest lies deep within you. You just have to find it.



A Pioneer in Sex Education

Sue Johanson is more than just a TV personality

BY: MARIE HALFNIGHTS



You might not recognize her name, but you probably recognize her face from TV. Many Canadians refer to her as "The Sex Lady." Who is she? Sue Johanson, RN, host of the acclaimed "Sunday Night Sex Show," a show that has given many Canadians guidance about love, relationships and sex. But Sue is so much more than just a TV personality.

Sue Johanson is a pioneer in the sex education arena. In 1970 Ms. Johanson opened the first birth control clinic in a North American high school, at Don Mills Collegiate in Ontario. This sprang from the realization that young adults were sexually active, but too shy or embarrassed to get birth control. Starting with a clinic that was open two nights per week and offered birth control methods at a price young adults could afford, Sue then started educating students through the North York Board of Education. In 1983, Sue began hosting a weekly radio program, broadcast on Toronto's Q107 FM. Viewers in Ontario have known Sue for years as the host of Talking Sex, which used to air on Rogers Cable (Ontario). In 1996, the W network (formerly WTN) picked up the show, which is now known as the "Sunday Night Sex Show," and has countless loyal followers who tune in (and call in) every Sunday night to listen to the useful advice that Sue dispenses.

So why is Sue so successful at sex education? When I was at university my then roommate Donna introduced me to the Sunday Night Sex Show.

"You've gotta see this," she'd say, as she lay on the couch while I was madly trying to finish homework for the next day (Oh, don't judge me, I know we've ALL left homework 'til the last minute!). But I digress.

Eventually, after enough Sunday nights spent listening

to Donna yelling from the couch, I decided enough was enough and it was time to start watching. Boy oh boy, was I in for a shock. I walked in to the living room to find a lady around my mother's age on the TV screen holding a rather large dildo. To this day I have no idea what she was talking about as I was dumfounded by what I was seeing on the screen. From then on, I was hooked.

But let's get back to the original question: "Why is Sue so successful at sex education?" I think it's because she's non-threatening, doesn't look like a porn star, but also doesn't look like your mother. The fact that Sue is a registered nurse also gives her a lot of credibility. But most of all, I think it's because she's a friendly woman, will answer ANY question asked of her, has a slightly maternal air about her, but she is NOT your mother. I don't know about you, but I can't imagine talking to my mother that frankly about sex. When the time comes, I'd like to think that my kids will feel able to talk to me about sex, but if not, I sure hope Sue's still around!

Sue Johanson will be speaking at BCIT Burnaby Campus for one day only - January 22 at 2:45 PM, in SW5 1845-1850. Sue will speak for about an hour (yes, she does bring props with her) and will then take questions from the audience. Don't worry, you don't have to put your hand up - there will be question cards available on which to write your question.

Sue will then answer as many questions as possible - it's completely ANONYMOUS!

There are only 450 seats available, so make sure you buy your ticket early. Tickets are available from the BCIT Student Association Main Office, in the Great Hall, open Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4 PM. PRICES: Students \$5 (Must Show OneCard) BCIT Staff \$8 Non-BCIT guests \$10. Cash only, please.

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New York on a Budget...

...or something like it



BY: NICO BOHR

3 1/2 weeks can be a long time. Especially when you're supposed to spend them in a place where time stands still and not much changes. I'm talking about my hometown. I was happy to go but I also wanted to take advantage of my student status, which is about to expire, and use this year's xmas holiday to see and do more than only that.

It had to be something different, something bigger and better, something that would challenge my perspective on everything I've seen before. My travel agent suggested a couple of places where I could have a stopover: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, they all sounded so nice, but didn't quite do it for me until well... until she found a really cheap fare going home via JFK. I would be able to spend one week in America's Big Apple. The city I've heard of and seen so much about all my life. Now that's a challenge I didn't think twice about when I booked my ticket to New York.

I had one month to go and was stressed about preparing for finals (or at least stressed about the fact that I should prepare for finals) when I started thinking about things I should do once I'm in New York. I would be there for one week and I would be there on my own so I had to make sure I A.) don't get bored, B.) see everything there is to see, and C.) don't spend too much money. With those objectives in mind I started my research and since NY has America's most expensive rent I tried to find some suitable accommodation first.

I soon found out about the HI - Hostel, America's biggest youth hostel with a capacity of almost 700 people in Manhattan's upper westside, a few blocks away from Central Park. They had beds starting at \$32 US, which turned out to be really cheap once I started comparing prices. The only disadvantage was that I had to sleep in a dormitory with 10 other people, which seemed fine to me as I was travelling on my own anyway.

I then wanted to make a list of things to see such as the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty - you know, the stuff from the movies, tourist stuff. But I also wanted to make sure to attend some of the cultural/social events New York is so famous for, like a theater play or a jazz club and also a museum or an art exhibition. After spending hours on the internet I ended up having a four page document with addresses and information about different sites, places, events, and venues that I wanted to

check out.

With all these plans and ideas in my head I started packing my suitcase. Things weren't looking so good as New York's transit system was about to go on strike and nobody was sure whether my United Airlines ticket would be valid upon the departure. It actually felt like finals again.

I didn't worry too much though and soon found myself checking in my baggage. After a Kosher meal, a few Cokes, and half a dozen bags of peanuts, I finally arrived. I couldn't wait to get out of that plane and was glad to hear that the transit strike was called off. Now I needed to get to my new home for the next 7 days. The HI-Hostel. I had a choice between a helicopter flight at \$299, a limo at \$70, a cab at \$35, or a shuttle bus at \$15 to uptown Manhattan, but decided to take the subway instead. I bought a week's pass for \$17 unlimited.

After inspecting my bed and the facilities at the hostel, I became hungry and went to buy groceries for the week as the hostel had a kitchen area where I could prepare my food. I bought the usual: orange juice, cornflakes, nothing fancy. I ended up paying \$50 US for a couple of bags of food, which usually don't cost me more than \$30 Canadian.

I quickly came up with a new conversion so I wouldn't get ripped-off anywhere. Take whatever you pay in Canada x 2 without the exchange rate. So if you pay \$2 CDN for a slice of pizza and a Coke in Vancouver, expect to pay \$4 US for the same in New York, which in conclusion makes everything about 2 - 3 times more expensive.

On my first couple of days all I did was cruise around either walking or riding the subway. Everything was just so interesting. I visited the Empire State Building for a \$9 admission charge, took advantage of the free ferry ride to Staten Island and checked out Times Square and all that stuff. The city looked beautiful as everything was decorated for xmas.

I soon found out about Canal Street between Chinatown and Little Italy. This place was just like in the movies. Prada shoes for \$50, Luis Vitton bags for under \$20 and free Gucci gloves if you buy both. They had everything and everything was fake. This was probably the first xmas I bought presents for every member of my family.

On the research I've done about theater, I came across a play with some pretty top notch actors like Marissa Tomei, Timothy Doyle and my all time favourite Al Pacino. That's right Tony Montana himself. They would all perform in a reading of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* in a warehouse in Brooklyn. I had to go and even though the show was sold out 3 months ago, I found out that they still gave away tickets for students on a first come first serve basis every night at the door.

I showed up early at around 4:30pm. I was the first on the scene and was able to talk to one of the stage builders who said that he'd reserve me a ticket, which I then found out would also be discounted. Instead of \$50, students would have to pay only \$10. I was pleasantly surprised that my formula didn't work tonight as I was going to see Al Pacino performing live together with an exclusive audience for the price of one of his VHS movies here in Canada.

I came back at 6:30pm. There were only a handful of people with me and I was glad to find out that all tickets were general admission. I got a good spot next to former mayor Ed Koch in the second row. I'll never forget the performance.

The next day I was walking around Broadway with an English guy I met at the hostel when I ran into a girl that was giving away tickets to the David Letterman show. A lot of people had cancelled their tickets because of the busy holiday season and it almost seemed like they were desperate to find audience members as they were giving

them away for free.

So 24 hours and a couple pints of Guinness later we were sitting inside of the CBS studios on Broadway cheering to the intro of the *Tonight Show*, which by the way is taped from 4:30 - 5:30pm. That night the guests were Tom Hanks and Phish. The studio was way smaller than I had expected and for some reason it's not really that funny, but it was a great experience and interesting to watch.

Nighttime activities seemed almost overwhelming as every night had something special happening to entertain the city that never sleeps. And since I had such a great start I felt like celebrating together with my new roommates from Spain. We went to this place called Webster Hall, New York's oldest and most famous night club. The formula worked perfectly \$20 US cover and \$9 for highballs. On that night we also went to check out some other bars lounges and clubs until my Spanish friends flew back to Madrid three days later.

I didn't want to waste much time on recovering and dragged myself through a couple of museums and exhibitions. The admission charges varied from \$5 - \$10. It was cool to see that art can actually be interesting, which the Guggenheim Gallery made me realize. The Guggenheim is one of the world's most famous modern art museums and has a "pay what you wish night" every Friday between 6 and 8pm. On that afternoon I also went to see the United Nations building where I actually joined a tour for \$4 and learned a lot about politics.

The next day I went to check out Wall Street, which unfortunately is now inaccessible to the public. The reason became more than apparent when I continued my walk a few hundred meters further and arrived at ground zero. It's still a huge hole that takes up a whole block. Everybody around just seemed sad and speechless and even though I thought I knew what to expect from what I had seen on TV, I couldn't help but be totally shocked.

It was a Sunday and my last night in New York. A good night to do something mellow. I bought myself a pack of cigars and went to smoke them in New York's finest and oldest jazz club the Village Vanguard. This is where legends like Miles Davis and John Coltrane started their career. They had student discounted tickets for \$15 including a \$4 drink credit. The show was 1.5 hours long and the atmosphere was amazing. It almost felt like time travel.

With only 12 hours to go I remembered a bet I made with friend who said that it would be impossible for me to take a picture of a toilet in New York. The target toilet was that of the presidential suite of the Waldorf Astoria, New York's most prestigious hotel, the toilet which has been used by almost every president there is (communists not included).

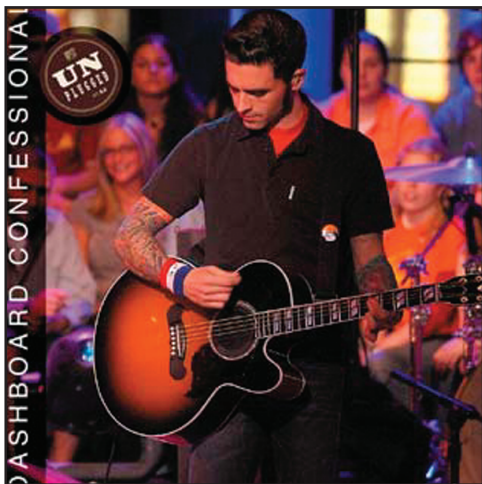
So I called in and asked for availability and figured since it wasn't taken that they shouldn't have a problem presenting it to me. I then showed up with my little throw away camera and was actually able to have a look at the facilities and take that picture. I guess it helped that I didn't mention that I was NOT staying in room 3012. With only a little time left I packed my bag again and took my last subway ride back to the airport where everything began seven days ago.

I looked back and couldn't believe all the things that had happened. My expectations were great, but my experience was even greater. It makes me understand why 8 million people share this vision of unity and this dream of freedom that makes this city what it is. As for the money, I spent quite a bit but, then I saved a lot to when I bought my brother and myself a Rolex for only 20 bucks each. I guess it all evens out and some things just have their price and other things are just priceless.

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or the CDs we bought with money from our grandparents that we know they will never listen to...



Dashboard Confessional MTV Unplugged V2.0 Vagrant Records

BY: SHAWN EDSTROM

I have had a lot of people come up to me and ask, "Shawn, how can I be more emo?" and I answer the question the same way every time! "It's simple my friend, you must listen to more **Dashboard Confessional!**"

And the new MTV Unplugged V2.0 is a good start. **Dashboard Confessional** started as an acoustic side project for **Further Seems Forever** front man Chris Carrabba around 2000-01. Although it started as a solo gig he didn't want to name it after himself because he wanted fans to be an important part of the band and encourage them to sing along.

This recording is further proof of that; throughout the whole show he lets the audience sing along and even take

over in some parts. This is one of the things that makes **Dashboard** such a fun live band.

Chris now does **Dashboard Confessional** as a full-time job with a new band of friends. **Dashboard** has released three EP's and two full-length albums before this, and so this is like a "best of album" for the band. It features some of my favourite songs like "Hands Down," "The Sharp Hint of New Tears," "Again I Go Unnoticed" and "The Good Fight."

This release is a combo CD/DVD, and includes the show on one disc in audio format for your listening enjoyment while the other features video format for your watching pleasure. The good part is that it is not over priced like most DVD/CDs either, I picked it up for around 15\$, which is a nice score. So if you are looking at starting a good emo library or are trying to add to your current one, this CD is a definite asset (and guys, the chicks really dig it!). For more info on **Dashboard** you can check out there site at <http://www.dashboardconfessional.com/>



Bionic Deliverance Sound King Records

BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

When I picked up **Bionic's** first self titled album back in 1998, I had never heard anything that more embodied pure strain rock 'n' roll. It blew my mind and the speakers in my truck. And consequently I can only hear buzzing in my right ear. And sometimes I see flashes of light on a clear day.

So I was wicked happy when **Bionic** came to town a couple of weeks before the holidays and I had heard rumours through my Miracle Ear that the new disk was going to be with them. It was, and I once again heard the true embodiment of rock both live and forever preserved on *Deliverance*.

One writer for Keraang Magazine stated that the new **Bionic** album was like "**Queens of the Stone Age** buttfuck-

ing the **Hellcopters** with **Bad Religion** clapping along." There is no point in me trying to explain it any further,

But I will anyway, because I love writing stuff. "Turn You Out" is the first song, and my goodness what a tune. The guitar starts out angry with very good tone, then a break of silence, and then ex-**Doughboy** Jonathan Cummings lights up your ears with a passionate wail. "Disarm" is no Smashing Pumpkins cover, but a rad song with guts and some of the greatest lyrics I have ever heard. "My brain is bubbling like tar and I'm fed up with everything / blue sparks flying out of my mouth." The music is as intense as it is visual. "A Political Song for Danko Jones to Sing," is a rad blues-rock hybrid that stands you up and then pushes you over.

The album really has no weak spots. It's pure rock from the opening second to the closing remarks left on Jonathan Cummings' answering machine. It's in stores finally, so check it out. For more Bionic loving, check www.bionici-land.com



Covenant Northern Light Sony Music Canada

BY: IAN GIESBRECHT

Perhaps the most creative band on the "industrial" scene today, **Covenant** has done it again with their latest offering *Northern Light*. Produced by heavyweight Jacob Hellner (whose past credits include **Rammstein** and **Clawfinger**) this album sees the Swedish trio picking up where their last disc *United States of Mind* left off and taking their music to a whole new level of sophistication.

Not to disappoint, the boys have come up with some real dance floor killers. The lead-off single "Call the Ships to

Port" will have people with too many buckles on their belts stomping across all nations. The second single "Bullet" is a slick little number with one of the catchiest choruses to come along in a long time. There are a couple more stompers here ("We Want Revolution," "I Stand Alone") but this album shines brightest when the pace is slowed down a little.

Lead singer Eskil Simonsson's vocals get stronger every record, and they really come through on "Invisible and Silent," arguably the finest **Covenant** song to date. Hellner's production comes in handy here as he adds some neat vocal effects.

The album isn't perfect though, and the last two tracks seem to drag down the overall performance. Most listeners will probably tune out before these two are over, but there's still a lot of great music here. Call it future-pop, electro-pop, industrial, whatever, *Northern Light* is a terrific record.

Third Man In

Growing up hockey and the triumph of the Canadian spirit



BY: JAY SELINGER

Frozen ponds, outdoor rinks or indoor coliseums. No matter where Canadians grow up playing hockey they dream of two things... the Stanley Cup and Gold Medals. In a country where pride is spelled G-O-L-D, 2002 was a stellar year.

Millions of Canadians watched as both the men's and

women's National hockey teams brought home Gold at the Salt Lake City Olympics. The men's team was battling against too long a history of unsatisfactory finishes. The women, however, were to be a favourite until matched against their American counterparts who were destined to win Gold after consistently beating the Canadian team in a long streak of show-downs. In this great land where many children are born wearing skates and the colours bronze and silver are the signs of losers, fans and players alike aim for and settle for nothing less than the Gold.

Salt Lake City was the site of two memorable show-downs, pitting the American superpowers against the legends of Canada. The women were the first to raise their Gold medals after upsetting the American team in the final game. Cheering in the stands was the men's Canadian team, who would soon enough raise their own Gold. In great Canadian spirit, songwriters such as Paul Brandt wrote awe-inspiring tales of our country's magnificent accomplishments. And as those songs played on, even more Canadians were enjoying the taste of national spirit boosting Molson products, drinking to the memories that will last a lifetime.

Canada also captured the Gold medal at this year's

Spengler Cup, the longest running international club tournament in sports. The Canadians capped off the tournament with a 5-0 record, and won for the ninth time since 1984. Also in international hockey play, Canada won the little known Deutschland Cup title in November. This tournament included teams from the US, Switzerland and Germany. In a round robin format, the Canadians finished the series with another perfect 3-0 record.

The last tournament of the year for a Canadian National team was the World Junior Hockey Championship. Despite going 5-0 to earn a spot in the Gold medal game, Russia showed up with victory in their sights. After three jaw-clenching periods, the Russians walked away with a Gold medal victory of 3-2, leaving the Canadians shocked and dismayed with their Silver medal. Losing for the second straight year to the Russians was a very hard pill to swallow for most of our hockey nation, but the hope is there for next year. Canadians may slip and fall, but unlike Russia's Alexander Ovechkin, who laid on the ice to break up a Canadian three-on-one late in the period by lying on the ice motionless by the Canadian net, we won't stay down. We'll be back, and next time Canada will have a clean sweep of international golds.

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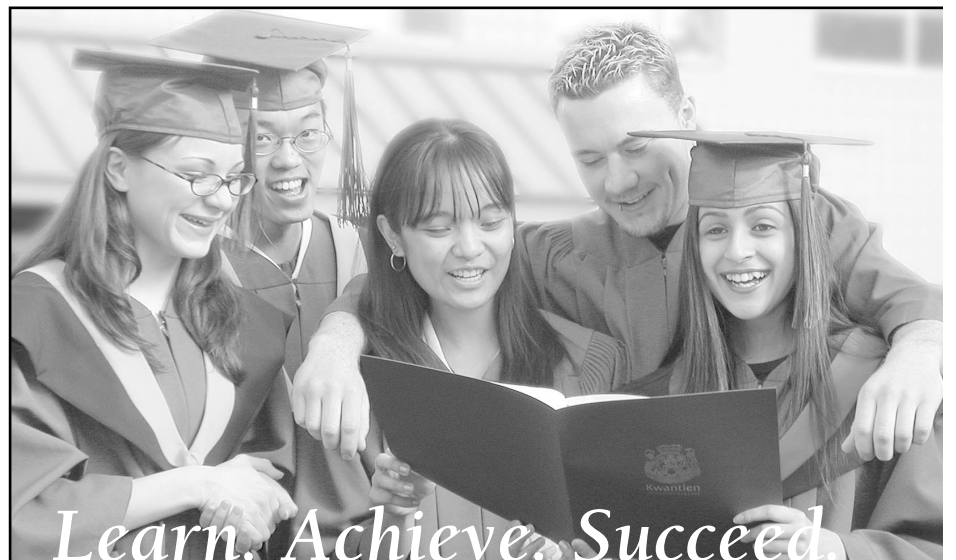
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This Week

Tuesday, January 14, 2003 - Ten Ways From Sunday

Vancouver band "Ten Ways From Sunday" will be kicking off the BCIT Student Association's Great Hall Concert Series. Show starts at 11:45 AM at the north end of the Great Hall. Grab some lunch and some friends and watch this hometown group perform for YOU!

Thursday, January 16, 2003 - Blood Donor Clinic

Did you miss the chance to donate some blood in November? Start your new year off right! Pre-book your appointment to donate blood by calling 1.888.2DONATE. You'll be helping to save someone's life. The blood donor clinic will be in Town Square A&B, across from the Rix, in SE2. Hours of operation: 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

Saturday, January 18th 2003 -Mock Improv on a Mission to Entertain

On Saturday, January 18th 2003, at 8:00pm at the Kerrisdale Community Centre (located at 5851 West Boulevard), for just \$5.00 a ticket, you, your friends and family can come and see two hours of hilarious improvised theatre. Mock Improv is the newest addition to Vancouver's entertainment community - after three successful shows, they are back for a fourth time!

Have you seen a play performed with out a script? Mock Improv performs improvised theatre in the tradition of Second City and Whose Line is it Anyway?. All of the material that they use is made up on the spot based on audience suggestions and participation. It is a hilarious and interactive format that is enjoyable for people of all ages.

Wednesday, January 22, 2003 - "Let's Talk Sex" with Sue Johanson

Sue Johanson, host of the acclaimed "Sunday Night Sex Show," will be at BCIT, live and in person for one day only! Sue will be speaking on everything from A-Z about sex that you always wondered about...and more! Got a question that you've always wondered about but were just too shy to ask? NO PROBLEM. There will be question cards handed out at the show - simply fill it out and put it in the box. Don't worry, it's COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS! No one will ever know it was you who asked - and trust me, if you're wondering about it, so are a lot of other people!

Show starts at 2:45 PM, SW5 1845-1850 lecture theatre. Tickets available at the Student Association Main Office in the Great Hall, Monday-Friday, 8AM-4PM. TICKET PRICES: Students: \$5 (\$6 at door) BCIT Staff: \$8 (\$10 at door). Cash only, please.

Upcoming

Tuesday, January 28, 2003 - Touchtone Gurus

The second in our Great Hall Concert Series, the "Touchtone Gurus" will be stopping at BCIT on their winter tour in support of their latest album release, "Blue in the Face." I've had a chance to listen to this album, and it's GREAT! Show starts at 11:45 AM at the north end of the Great Hall.

Tuesday, January 28, 2003 - Canucks vs. Minnesota Wild

Tickets are \$35 each and are available at the Student Association Main Office in the Great Hall (SE2). The office is open Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4 PM. Cash only please.

Tuesday, February 25, 2003 - Canucks vs. Atlanta Thrashers

Tickets are \$35 each and are available at the Student Association Main Office in the Great Hall (SE2). The office is open Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4 PM. Cash only please.

awkward pause by colin w. pearson



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Western Hockey League Wieners

“Giant” wieners a “Giant” rip-off, heckling at hockey game really fun, though

BY: SHAWN EDSTROM AND IAN GIESBRECHT
PHOTOS BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER



Well, we here at the Wiener Report truly hope that you and yours had a terrific holiday. “Wie” certainly did! (LOL) I’m sure over the month that we all had off, many of you consumed hot dogs, kielbasas, and ever festive sausage rolls. For us wiesearchers a holiday doesn’t really exist. We remained ever vigilant, finding wieners wherever we could, and eating as many as humanly possible.

To begin our Christmas celebrations we decided to attend the Giants Teddy Bear Night as they took on the mighty Moose Jaw Warriors. Now, this happened a while ago, but hey, who cares! As veterans of multiple Teddy Bear Nights in our home town of Kamloops, Shawn and I figured that a fun time was in store for all,

especially those around us. Nothing beats going to a hockey arena and cheering for the visitors. This is even more fun if you actually aren’t from Moose Jaw and pretend to be, and if you can’t pronounce the players names that you’re cheering for, it matters not.

The first thing you need to do if you’re cheering for the visitor is pick a member of the home team whose last name has two syllables in it. This makes your target optimal for heckling. It’s also imperative that the player’s name ends in a consonant. This way, the proper stress is placed on the proper heckle. For instance, the Giants’ goalie last season was some dude named Martin. This is a very easy name to chant. MAR-TIN, MAR-TIN! Now, they have some dude named Jordan McLaughlin. For one, he’s a lot better than Martin, but more importantly, it is virtually impossible to make him feel bad by heckling him. Three syllables = too many. So, with McLaughlin in net, we had to find someone new to heckle. Someone bad. Enter defenseman Joe Logan hailing from Gull Lake, Saskatchewan: a town that quite likely has a grain elevator, a curling rink and a bowling alley. Actually, I know they have a curling rink because a quick search on google provided some information on the town’s awesome “Boxing Day Spiel.” Too bad we missed it.

OK, so Logan was our target. Every time he was on the ice he heard it. We were only 10 rows up too, and the Giants fans are so quiet that we know for sure he heard us. He played a terrible game. There are two possible explanations for this. One: We got to him. Two: He’s sixteen years old. Either way, ours was not the only heckling.

During the intermission, we noticed some drunken rambling coming from above. Normally this occurs when a team of youngsters is on the ice and some jackass takes it upon themselves to boo them (note: I have done this before). However, there were no little Timbits on the ice playing, only a lonely man driving a lonely zamboni. The drunk guy was heckling the zamboni driver. He booed continuously for 10 minutes, with breaks taken only to drink more beer, or encourage the others around him to boo the zamboni driver as well. Luckily, not many joined in. Ah, the joys of alcohol at hockey games.

See, in Kamloops, they don’t sell booze at the WHL games. This creates an atmosphere that is far more family oriented. Also, it’s like \$10 cheaper to see a game there. I bet hot dogs cost less too.

Oh yeah, anyway, the hot dogs! They cost something like \$3.00 each and a drink was

Ok, just so we’re clear, the photos of the original wiesearch project at the Giant’s game were lost in the technological ether. These are actual, unretouched photos of Shawn and Ian consuming wieners here on campus. They love wieners so much, they ate new ones simply so we had pictures of them eating wieners for this week. Above left: Ian hates mustard and that hot dog had mustard on it, so that pic was totally posed. Above right: Shawn really didn’t want a wiener today, but this is the sacrifice these guys make for you. Right: Your wiesearch team gives the thumbs up for wieners... and hockey.

around the same. It was a “Giant” rip-off. They did possess a “Giant” taste, but when you combine that with the “Giant” price, it made the deal totally bunk.

If you’re wondering why this piece seems to focus more on the hockey game than on the “Giant” wieners, it’s because we lost the pictures. What are you gonna do about it? Write the paper for us!!!! (note: We need volunteers)



Let’s rate the wieners anyway.

Skin Quality of the wiener: 7 - It reminded me of Paul Bunyan.

Value: 1 - “Giant” rip-off, already stated.

Condiment Selection: 8 - Pretty good actually, they had raw onions. Our buddy Nigel was the only one who ate these though as they make both Shawn and myself extremely gassy. We were sitting in front of Nathan Paetsch’s grandmother and didn’t want to offend her.

Beverage Selection: 6 - Very average, and Shawn’s ice tea tasted a lot like Root Beer, or so he claims. (note: He burned his taste buds off in ‘Nam)

Ratio of Wiener to Bun: 9 - The “Giant” wiener was almost too much for the bun to take. The “Giant” wiener kept slipping out of the bun and then you’d get condiment juice on your hands. It was OK though, because once the “Giant” wiener slipped out you just popped it back in and went at it all over again.

Overall: 7 - I really don’t remember eating these hot dogs (it was over a month ago and the pain is still with us, we’re trying to block it out) and the pictures which usually trigger the memories have been lost, so we’ll just give a 7/10, just like teachers do at report card time.

A fun time was had by all at the game, except Nigel who almost got hit in the balls with a hockey puck when we weren’t paying attention during the warm up. Actually, he says he had fun too, so I was lying.

