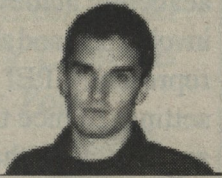


Bar Wars VI: Return of the Royal Canadian Legion

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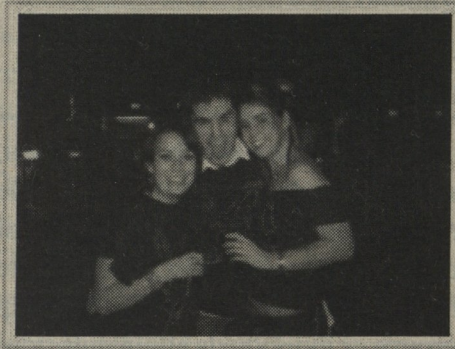


As all good stories do, this one begins at the Wave this past Friday. As students from all faculties and from all parts of campus congregated, the stress of term papers and the fear of upcoming exams were miraculously lifted, as many were determined to forget their worries, to push their academic responsibilities to the back of their mind...and to get a serious drink-on.

And thus, Bar Wars VI had begun. The annual Science-organized, widely-enjoyed event got off to a great start. As only a Wave patron, or perhaps our Vice President Activities, can attest to, Wave staff were in fine form, supplying the thirsty masses with incredible drink specials, as is often the case at our campus pub (open 4pm-2am Monday thru Saturday, 1pm-2am Friday, closed Sundays).

Now I don't claim to be a 'Star Wars' fanatic, but there was something celestially mesmerizing about the hordes of students braving the frigid temperatures while clad in black 'Bar Wars' t-shirt and clambering out of the Wave into the busses on their way to Moron's. I'm not exactly sure, it could have been the promise of free pizza and the lure of more drinks, or perhaps the bright lights of the dance floor. What I do know is that once there, something about Gwen Stefani's "What You Waiting For" inspired some to bust out some pretty impressive moves and caused several impromptu dance-offs, which given the state of the dancers, were really quite incredible.

The trek continued next door to the comfortable confines of Dooly's, where raucous activity turned to intense convos and some hardcore



games of pool. By the time the mob left Kent Street en route to much-loved legion, Myron's had been relieved of several dozen pounds of pizza and a red candle, while Dooly's was, by my count, 2 pool cues and 4 pool balls lighter.



What do you get when you cross some fun-loving, bingo-playing elderly people and equally fun-loving, alcohol-consuming university students? Well, you get a hell of a lot of stuff I guess, but one result is some pissed off veterans. Apparently, to my recollection anyway, youth cannot play darts, because "they are dangerous," and seniors do not take kindly to people taking over their shuffle-board tables.



They also took some exception to one participant barreling through a window. Surprisingly enough, there are no reliable witnesses that can definitively confirm whether this individual 'fell' or 'jumped' through the window. My guess would be a combination of both. But, when it was all said and done, the legion is still, by far, the best pub crawl stop in all of Charlottetown, and we'll all be back someday, if in fact they let us back in. Pub Crawl T-shirt: \$15, Broken Window: \$500, Dancing with 70 year-old veterans' wives and being told to "Shut up!" upwards of 37 times so that seniors could finish their bingo game? Priceless.

And so the Bar Wars battle continued, proceeding back up Kent Street and back to Myron's, before hitting the Page, complete with its break-neck staircase and sophisticated clientele. And this is where the majority of the Bar Wars VI warriors ended their night, in the grips of a good old down-home rave. Well as close as you can get to a rave on PEI. Still others landed back at Myron's, others back dancing to the musical stylings of Jimmy Swift at the Wave, while others, after being blind-sided in the face by some drunken idiot or after travelling through windows at the legion, ended the evening treating various wounds of various levels of severity. The rest awoke the next morning treating wounds of their own, a lack of sleep, a nice pounding in the head, and worst of all, the reminder that exams are but a week away.

All in all, a pretty damn good night.

Did you know...

Some important dates in December:
Dec. 1: St. Eligius Day, patron of agricultural workers, knife makers.
Dec. 2: St. Bibiana's Day, patron against hangovers.
Dec. 3: National Ice-Cream Box Day
Dec. 6: Feast of Nicholas of Myra, patron of bakers, barrel makers, brewers
Dec. 10: St. Eulalia, the patron of sailors, mariners and rain
Dec. 13: Ice Cream and Violins Day

Have you ever had an ice cream headache before? This is caused by blood vessel spasms which are triggered by the intense cold from the ice cream. The resulting headache is much the same as a migraine - the spasms interrupt the blood flow and cause the vessels to swell. To avoid this, just eat your ice cream slower.

In the 4th century B.C., Roman emperor Nero ordered people to bring ice from the mountains to be combined with fruit toppings on his deserts.

When a research firm polled some 1,000 adults about what they did with fruitcake, 38% said they gave it away, 28% actually ate it, 13% used it as a doorstop, 9% scattered it for the birds, 4% threw it out, and 8% couldn't remember.

Russell Baker, The New York Times

Plums stimulate the bowel movement. Its skin contains a substance that is responsible for that effect, so if you peel the fruit, you won't be bothered with the well-known side effects of this lovely fruit.

CDC.gov - 5 a Day

A cold glass of grapefruit juice is part of the morning routine for a lot of people. What you may not realize, however, is that this same juice might interact with drugs you are taking. Grapefruit juice can have a major effect on the potency of various medications and can even cause an overdose when taking prescribed doses.