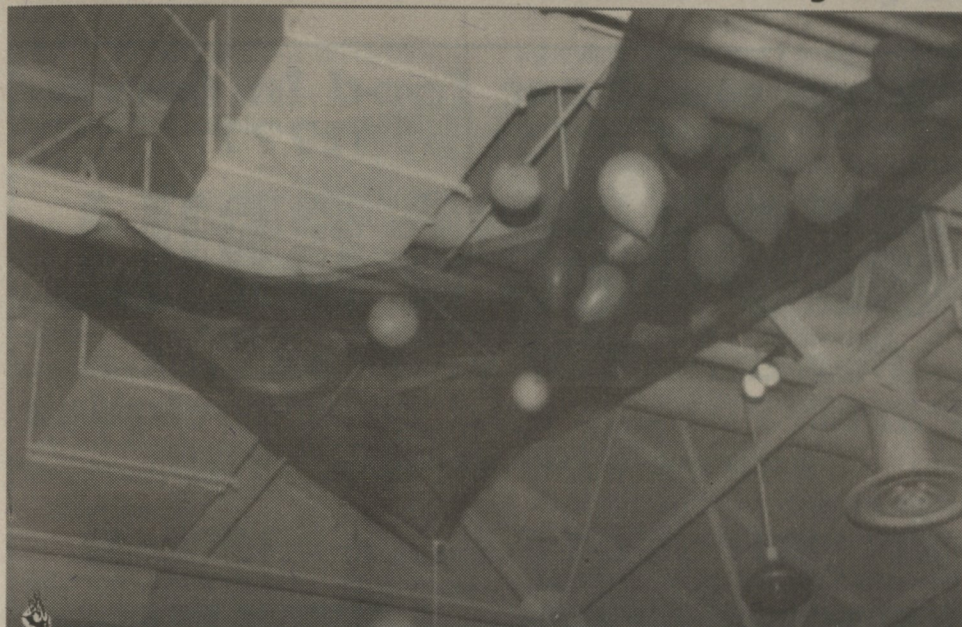


Celebrating the New Year at The Wave

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The unexpected "Balloon Drop" resulted in a brief panic as Y2K+3 fears surfaced. "Ballons a-comin!"

5... 4... 3... 2... 1... Happy New Year! Or something like that. Perhaps not quite as coherent. But, you get the point.

Celebrating the New Year at UPEI's campus bar, The Wave, proved to be an excellent alternative for those who were looking for a night of quality entertainment at an affordable price.

Charlottetown's own Rude Mechanicals returned to the very campus where they got their start four years ago and supplied the enthusiastic crowd with a mix of old and new Mechanical originals. Tossed into the set was an impressive variety of covers which left everyone in attendance feeling pretty good about the fast approaching new year.

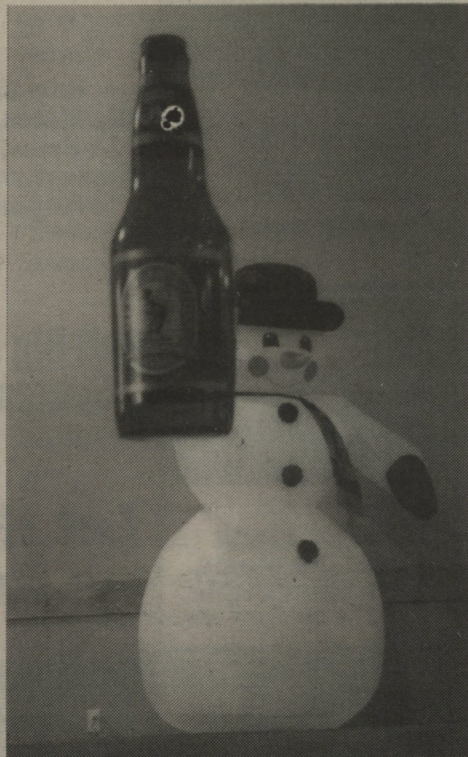
Kirk Dingwell, Operations Manager of The Wave, said he was quite pleased with the turnout and felt that it was a very successful first New Year celebration at the new campus lounge.

The Wave corrected many of the problems which they experienced during some of the larger pub nights of the first semester – such as the lines around the bar being too long and the dance floor being over crowded – which made the '02-'03 New Year celebration very satisfying.

Free champagne was provided for all in attendance, which was great,

though it may have added severity to a few incidents which required the bar staff's attention (I don't know how they do it with a smile, but the washrooms were repeatedly cleaned when it was necessary).

Overall, The Wave threw a great party – the band was superb, the atmosphere was friendly and relaxed, and the night was relatively well-priced considering the other options available in Charlottetown.



Frosty knows how to party



The Rude Mechanicals rocked UPEI into the new millennium... make that 2003.



Chris Power stays above the crowd to keep a watchful eye on potential troublemakers.

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