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Rob Walker
Editor in Chief

Well, it's December, which means most of you are hunkered down studying, or partying it up because you're done exams. Another semester here and gone, hard to believe I was just writing a welcome message.

The Cadre is now fully staffed, and starting January should be out on a fairly regular two-week rotation. Our website, <http://cadre.upei.ca>, got a total overhaul this year and should be updated shortly after the new issue goes out. We're still interested in contributions from volunteers, as well as selling advertising space.

News-wise, other than k-os putting on a terrible show it's been a pretty slow year. Speaking of k-os, how does this guy get through airport security?

"What's your name sir?"

"k-os"

Right Here and Now

"Oh, is that said like chaos?"

"Uh, yeah."

"Really, and what is that I smell, pot?"

"Um, no..."

"Right, well why don't you just step over here towards those large gentlemen with guns..."

I suppose that after last year, I really shouldn't complain about a lack of newsworthy events, but the newshound in me is hoping things heat up a little after Christmas.

Speaking of Christmas, how bad is it that alongside all my memories of my family sitting around a tree giving gifts I remember the polar bear coca-cola commercial and Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown? Stupid holidays, bah-humbug!

I hate that people get into terrible moods around Christmas, and then

blame the holiday like it's the flu or something. "What's wrong with him?" "Oh, it's just Christmas, he'll be fine in a few weeks." I hate the fact that I'm always poor and can never afford gifts, and really hate that I feel guilty for not giving gifts, even though I don't buy into this commercial crap anyway and my friends and family don't care.

I really, really hate how the city doesn't plow the sidewalks (or the streets) until it stops snowing. Oh, I understand the logic behind it and how much money it saves, but when it snows for THREE DAYS STRAIGHT its time to re-think your strategies. Oh also, pushing all the snow from the streets into the MIDDLE of the street doesn't make for a hurdle of death for pedestrians either. We're an **island** for gods sake, just shove the snow into the water. I always love hearing about the 2-3 dump trucks that fall into the water every winter too.

Just a Little Something ...

Mélanie Bernard

New Year resolutions are a hot topic this time of year, as people are trying to convince themselves to become better people for the year ahead. I am not a huge fan of the resolutions... I have tried them before and have failed miserably.

One year I got some hand-me-down books from a friend and one of the books was titled "The Art and Power of Being a Lady." My big thing that year was to become a lady and I was convinced this book was the key to my success. I read the book, made some notes and even used bright pink and orange post-it notes on the pages that I needed a lot of work on. Apparently I needed a lot of work because the book had about 50 post-its sticking out the side.

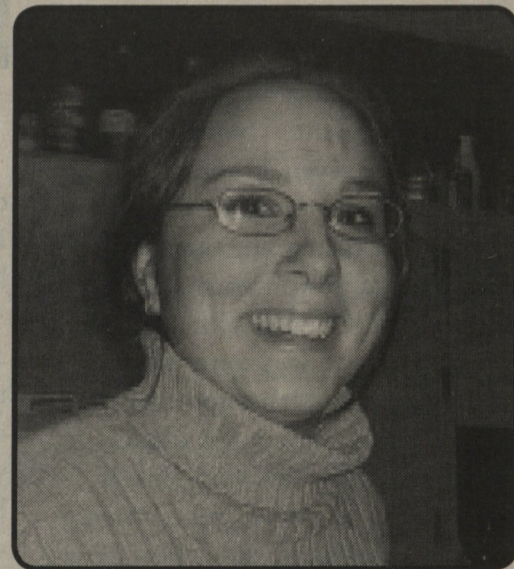
After learning that it was inappropriate to swear I decided this book was not the book for me. If you know me at all, you know that I am not very good at controlling the urge to swear and it seems I have a quota of at least 100 times per

day that must be filled. This resolution to become a lady was not working for me. I ditched it and tried something else the next year.

I got the idea to stop eating fast food. Now I actually did really well with this one, it lasted about six months. This should be in the record books. It is very difficult for a university student to stop eating fast food – it's cheap and convenient. Not to mention I have this weird craving for BK every time I go out. I don't know why because it's the only time I go there. It's strange. And gross. So fighting the urge to eat it was intense.

This year I have no resolution, but I would be interested in hearing about everyone else's. Feel free to write us a letter with stories, we'd love to hear about them.

I have heard some good resolutions this year from friends. Going to the gym is a great one... one that maybe I



should take up this year. Paying off debt, saving money, getting a better job, quitting smoking and becoming a volunteer are all great ideas. However, I really discourage a few that I've heard. Trying to sleep with as many people as possible is probably not a good idea. Writing a list of all the people who have wronged you in the last year and getting back at them is not advisable either. And neither is doing less laundry and wearing more deodorant. Not cool, guys.

As for the dreaded New Year Resolutions, I still claim that they are impossible to keep and therefore a terribly unnecessary waste of time.