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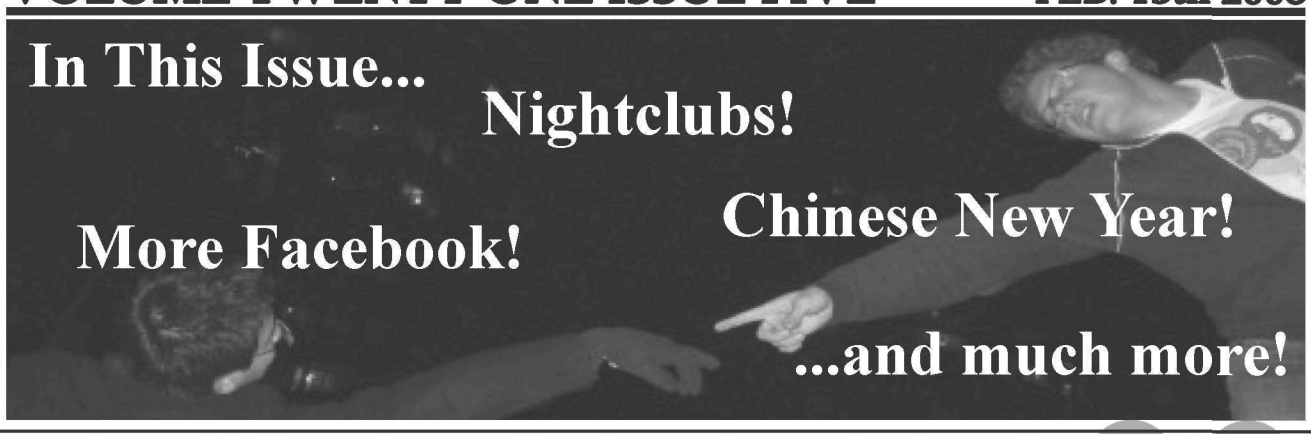

"Giving up smoking is the easiest thing in the world. I know because I've done it thousands of times." -Mark Twain

Reading Week's Coming Up:
Get Your Best Clubwear On

By: Nightcrawler

All this week, you will go home, some of you with a rolled-up copy of this paper under your arm, and dream about the end of the week. The end of this week is almost certainly the most important milestone of this semester, for it marks the start of Reading Week. You know what that means; it's time for a party! As a regular subscriber to ClubZone and Clubvibes, those two wonderful online resources for things to do after 9 p.m. every night, I realize that this article is best employed in dealing with this topic. So, let us begin (I have tried to include all the relevant information that nobody verifies beforehand).

#1. Caprice

This club is frequented by a young, dashing crowd (dress well). The bouncers don't seem to enjoy engaging in conversation, but they are very efficient at kicking out douchebags, which is why Caprice is effectively douchebag-free. The club is two storeys tall, with a wonderful seating area upstairs for people who like to "chill." It is advisable to make a guestlist on the two aforementioned websites because the regular line-up is huge and moves exceedingly slowly. Fridays and Saturdays are usually 21+ nights, but this Friday is special. Come out to Caprice this Friday, support the Heart and Stroke Club (it's a SUS club, there's your incentive). They're having a fundraiser (read: no long lines in the cold and possibly wet weather). There's a
Facebook group with all the information. Make sure you get your tickets early. Caprice is located in the Granville corridor, near the Smythe street intersection. Cover's usually $12.

#2. Fabric

First of all, I think "Sonar" was a better name. GMAN and Rizk, two of Vancouver's better known promoters, reportedly turned this place upside-down on New Year's Eve and announced the new name. I can picture the hundreds of people with a look of "quoi?" on their faces when they heard "Fabric" come out of the speakers. Nevertheless, the club is popular and is situated in Gastown (Water Street), conveniently close to both Waterfront station and Hastings Street for people who don't like parking in Downtown and elect to take transit. Again, a guestlist is a really good idea. Drink prices are reasonable. Cover's between $10 and $15 depending on the night.

Party!!!: Reading Week is actually a celebration for all the (useless) things we have read, not a time to do even MORE reading. So let's party it up!

#3. Tonic

Situated on the same block as Caprice, Tonic provides an interesting atmosphere, with high ceilings and paintings on the walls. The club has two balconies (one is the VIP area) and the decoration includes a motorcycle on the wall. The house DJ is brilliant, but the drinks are a tad pricy. The place is definitely better suited to people who are looking for a great night of dancing. Cover's between $10 and $15 depending on the night.

#4. Plush

Plush is located at the Plaza of Nations, across BC Place Stadium. At least, that's what everyone tells you. You go there and realize that you still cannot find it. That's because the front of the club faces the old Plaza of Nations courtyard (currently home to the remnants of an amphitheatre). When you finally find it, you line up, but wait, the neon sign says "Cyber." That's because Plush is right NEXT to Cyber (a nightclub that always has wonderful dance and house music. I've always wanted to try it but it looks really sketchy). One rarely needs a guestlist at Plush. The bouncers are great at getting people in, and they're quite friendly to talk to. You go inside and congratulate yourself on getting in so quickly, until you see the size of the place. Plush is astral. There can easily be over 400 people by about 10:30, but the place will look empty till about 11:30. It accomodates over a 1000 people on its huge dance floor. Drink prices are reasonable, but I still recommend that you get to Plush late. Really late. Cover's $15.

#5. Atlantis

Just because "Smallville" filmed here a few times does not mean it's the best place in town. Actually, Atlantis has been rather disappointing in its rules regarding smoking (i.e. "The entire club is your ashtray, enjoy!") and the drinks are rather pricy (more so than Tonic). If you can put up with the cigarette smoke though, the music is usually quite good. Atlantis is located two blocks east of Granville, on Richards (nearest intersection is Drake St.). Cover's usually $15.

#6. The Republic

Cover's $18 and coat check's $5. Need I talk about the drink prices? "Holy crap," you ask with a laugh, "are you crazy, man?" I'm crazy enough to want a great party, and I'm willing to spend once in a while. I went last weekend, and it was probably the best club night I've had in this town. The DJ, Zak Santiago (some of you may remember him from various TV shows and made-for-TV movies), was sensational, and the atmosphere screamed "decently high class Vegas." There is another sound room upstairs with a slightly different beat consisting of chill trance and eclectic house music. I would say this club offers an illusion of high class, were it not for the fact that the drinks

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Your Clubbing Guide For Reading Week

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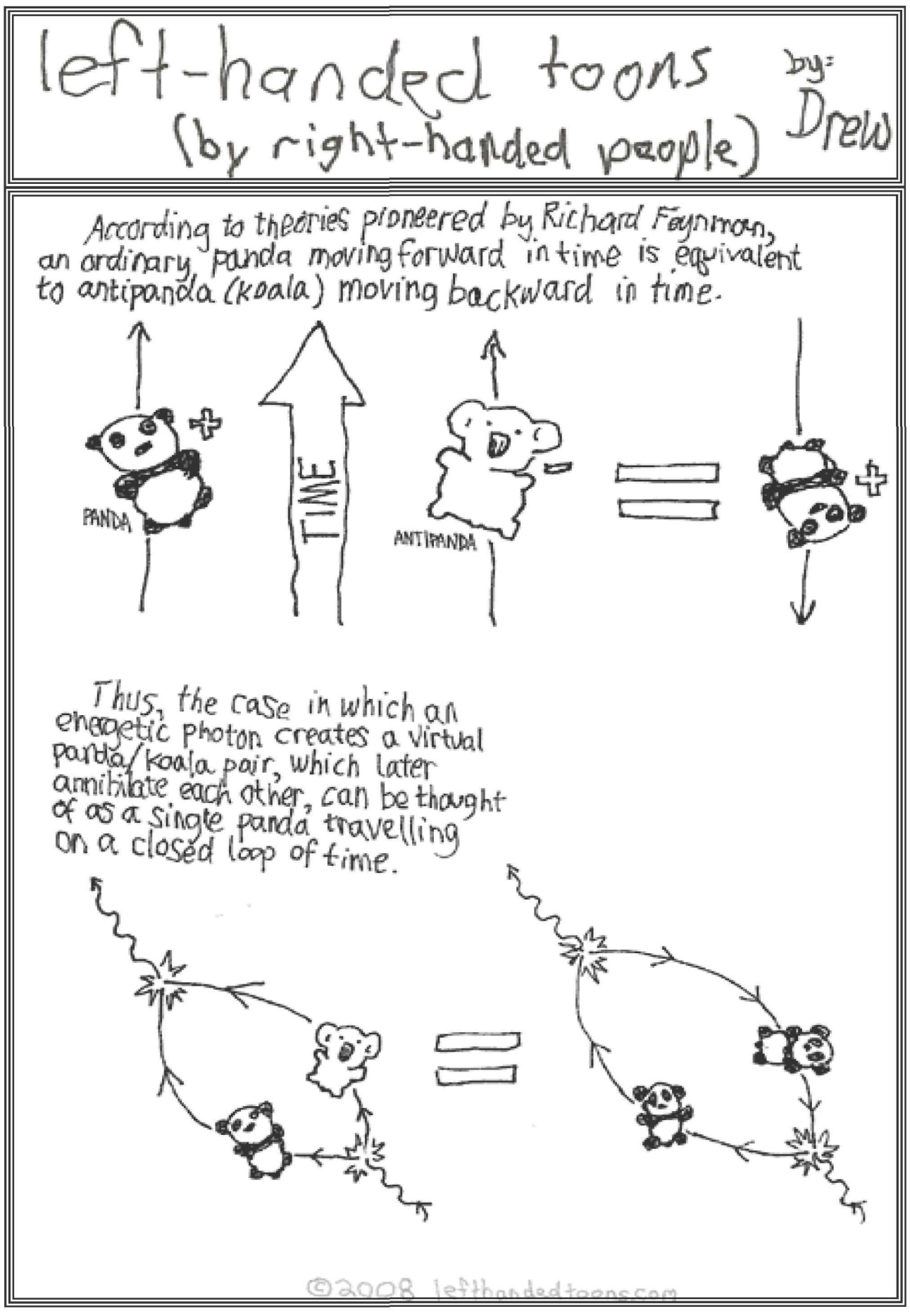
were expensive enough to warrant a real "high class" label to this joint. Oh, there are LCD TV's everywhere. Last night, they were playing the old "Godzilla" movie. Don't ask me why. All I know is that the entire atmosphere was hilarious and tons of fun. A guestlist is pretty much your only ticket in. Oh, and pre-drink. Save your wallet, you starving student, you! Republic is diametrically opposite Caprice (don't jaywalk across the street. Cops were a mainstay when I went and I saw four people get ticketed. I'm not trying to baby you like your mother, but really, use an intersection. Those cops were NOT friendly).

If you're trying to plan the perfect half day/night in the Downtown area, and you have a sizeable group of people with you (4 or more), why not catch a movie and dinner before clubbing it out for the night? Famous Players Paramount is nearby, and one of the best places for a fairly classy, sit-down meal is Sip Resto-Lounge, on Granville again (two blocks south, and on the same side as, Caprice). Make a reservation NOW. This place fills up fast, and it's a good place to stuff yourself silly.

This should be enough to get your feet wet during Reading Week. There are other clubs that I wish to try, including Lotus Sound Lounge, Honey, The Royal, Vanilla Room, Volume 11, but the ones I've listed are all fairly easy to get to via transit, and well situated if you live on campus at UBC.. If you are the Designated Driver for the night, there is a parking lot right behind Caprice (which will serve Tonic, Republic and Atlantis as well). For Fabric, there are numerous parkades and parking lots all within walking distance. Plush is surrounded by parking lots as well.

Have a safe and fun Reading Week regardless of whether you take a break from studying. But seriously, try to get away from the books at least once, and try one of the places above if you've never been (my money's going to the Heart and Stroke club next Friday!).



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Facebook Birthday Notifier

How Forgetful Are Your Friends Without Your Birthday Listed?

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Abstract:

Facebook's "Birthday Notifier" (FBBN) is a tool on Facebook that tells users about their friend's upcoming birthdays. We decided to test the claim that FBBN increases the probability that one will receive a "Happy Birthday" note from one's friends. By performing a one-tailed t-test comparing a group that did not list their birthdays to one group that did, we found that there was a statistically significant increase in the probability of one receiving a birthday note if one listed one's birthday compared to if one did not. We concluded that our friends are amazingly forgetful with our birthdays if not reminded of them.

Introduction:

Facebook is a social networking utility (Facebook, 2007) that includes a "Birthday Notifier" that tells users about the upcoming birthdays of their friends (personal observations, 2007). Recently, it was hypothesized that the Facebook Birthday Notifier can increase the probability of you receiving a birthday note from your friends on your wall (Au, 2007). In doing so, we believe that our friends are prone to forget our birthdays unless we have some means of reminding them. We decided to do a statistical hypothesis test in order to test this claim, and to procrastinate in studying for the upcoming STAT200 (Elementary Statistics for Applications) mid-term.

Methods and Calculations:

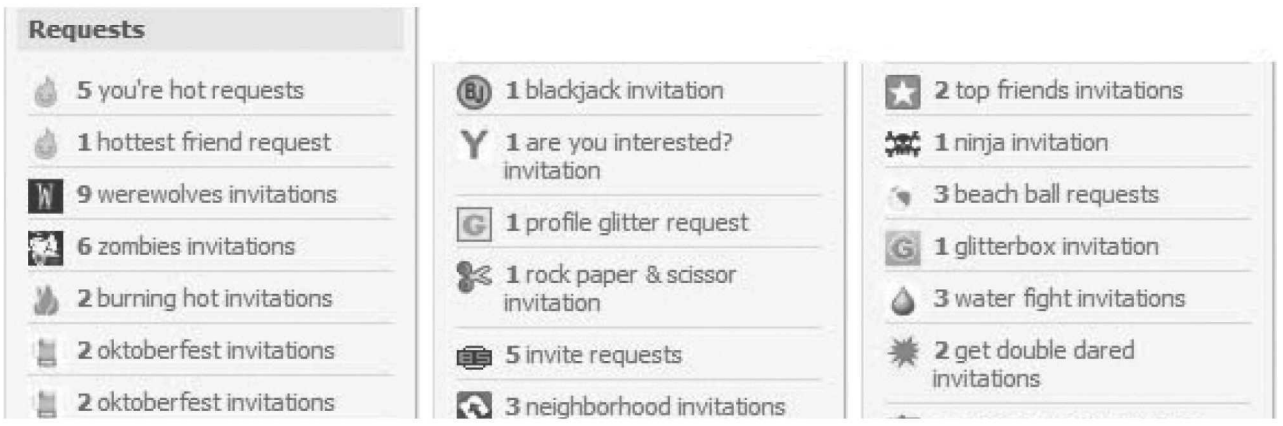
A statistical test was performed using a sample size of 3 (for the control group) and sample size of 21 (for the test group). The control group was defined as the set of people on Facebook who did not reveal their birthdays around their birth date, whereas the test group was defined as the set of people on Facebook who did reveal their birthdays around their birth date. The null hypothesis was defined as such: Facebook's birthday notifier does not increase or decreases the probability of one getting a birthday note by one's friends on one's wall. Mathematically, this can be represented as:

$$H0: \mu x = \mu y$$

The alternative hypothesis was defined as such: Facebook's birthday notifier increases the probability of one getting a birthday note by one's friends on one's wall. Mathematically, this can be represented as:

$$Ha: \mu x < \mu y$$

The probability of one getting a birthday note was defined as the number of birthdayrelated notes one received around one's birth date d vided by the total number of friends that one had at the time of the birthday. From the raw data collected, we computed the means and standard deviations of each sample group. Since we do not know the population mean and standard deviations for each sample group, we performed a t-test assuming that the distribution of wall posts for each sample group was nor mally distributed and that the two samples are independent of each other.



iRequest: Sure, they are annoying. But hey, you probably need it for your friends' birth dates!

	Control Group	Test Group
Sample Size:	3	21
Mean:	0.043043	0.153934
StDev:	0.058315	0.046063
$(StDev)^2/n$:	0.001134	0.000101

Table 1: Summary statistics of data collected for the control and test group. Means were computed by averaging all the data, and the standard deviation was computed in Numbers '08, Apple Inc.'s spreadsheet application for Macintoshes.

We found that the t-test statistic was computed to be -3.155998. At the 0.05 significance level, the critical p-value that we need is -2.920, based on a one-tailed (left) t-test with df=2.

Discussion:

Since the critical p-value is greater than the p value that we calculated, we can reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternate hypothesis. This statistical test thus lends credence to the idea that Facebook's birthday notifier does increase the probability of one getting a birthday note by one's friends on one's wall.

Granted though, there are a few problems with this hypothesis test. The issue of greatest concern to us is that we had too few degrees of freedom, as shown by the control group having only three data points. In order to improve this hypothesis test, one could increase the number of data points by remembering one's friend's birthdays (for those who prefer to remove their birthdays) and recording the number of wall posts they receive. That said, we did use a very small degree of freedom here, hence our results are extremely conservative; if we used a larger sample size for the control group, it would likely not affect the resultant conclusion that we have made.

Another major issue is the distribution that we have assumed in this hypothesis test. While one may say that the normal distribution works, others may argue that a binomial distribution fits much better. The scenario described fits the four criterion required for a distribution of a random variable to be binomial, that is:

#1. There are a fixed number of trials (the number of friends that one has).

#2. There are two possible outcomes, success (i.e. a wall post) and failure (i.e. no wall post).

#3. The probability of a success (i.e. a wall post) could arguably be constant (13% for those who list their birthdays, about 4% for those who do not) per friend for each person.

#4. The trials are independent, assuming that one wall post does not affect another person's chances of posting (by having the others not looking at the Facebook news feed page and seeing a "Happy Birthday Charles!" note.)

This final assumption, though, is weak at best, and it is likely that the binomial distribution does not fit well. That said, even if it did fit well, with a large enough sample size, we could approximate it to the normal distribution, and with a bit of continuity correction, we would be able to approximate the values for this hypothesis test.

Conclusion:

That said, we are confident in our results, and believe that Facebook's birthday notifier does increase the probability of one receiving a birthday note from one's friends on one's wall when one's birthday comes.

Are our friends forgetful? Surprisingly, they are. With only 15% of friends posting "Happy Birthday" if we do list our birthday, and with only 4% if we do not list our birthday, it seems that most of our friends would forget our birthdays anyways. Perhaps there are other confounding factors as well, but even so, if one's friends remembered and bothered to post a note, one would expect to see in the order of 50 to 80% of our friends posting. That said, our Facebook walls would become unbelievably crowded, and Facebook's servers would have to store thousands of kilobytes more worth of information if that happened. Not that it would really matter them, nonetheless.

This test lends credence to the idea that without reminder, our friends can forget our birthdays. Whether this is important to an individual or not is a matter for the individual to decide. We hope that further studies could be conducted in order to help corroborate the conclusions made here.

Declarations:

The author has no competing financial interests, as this work was completed within a time frame of 1.5 hours for simply for a mental exercise in preparation for a STAT200 mid-term.

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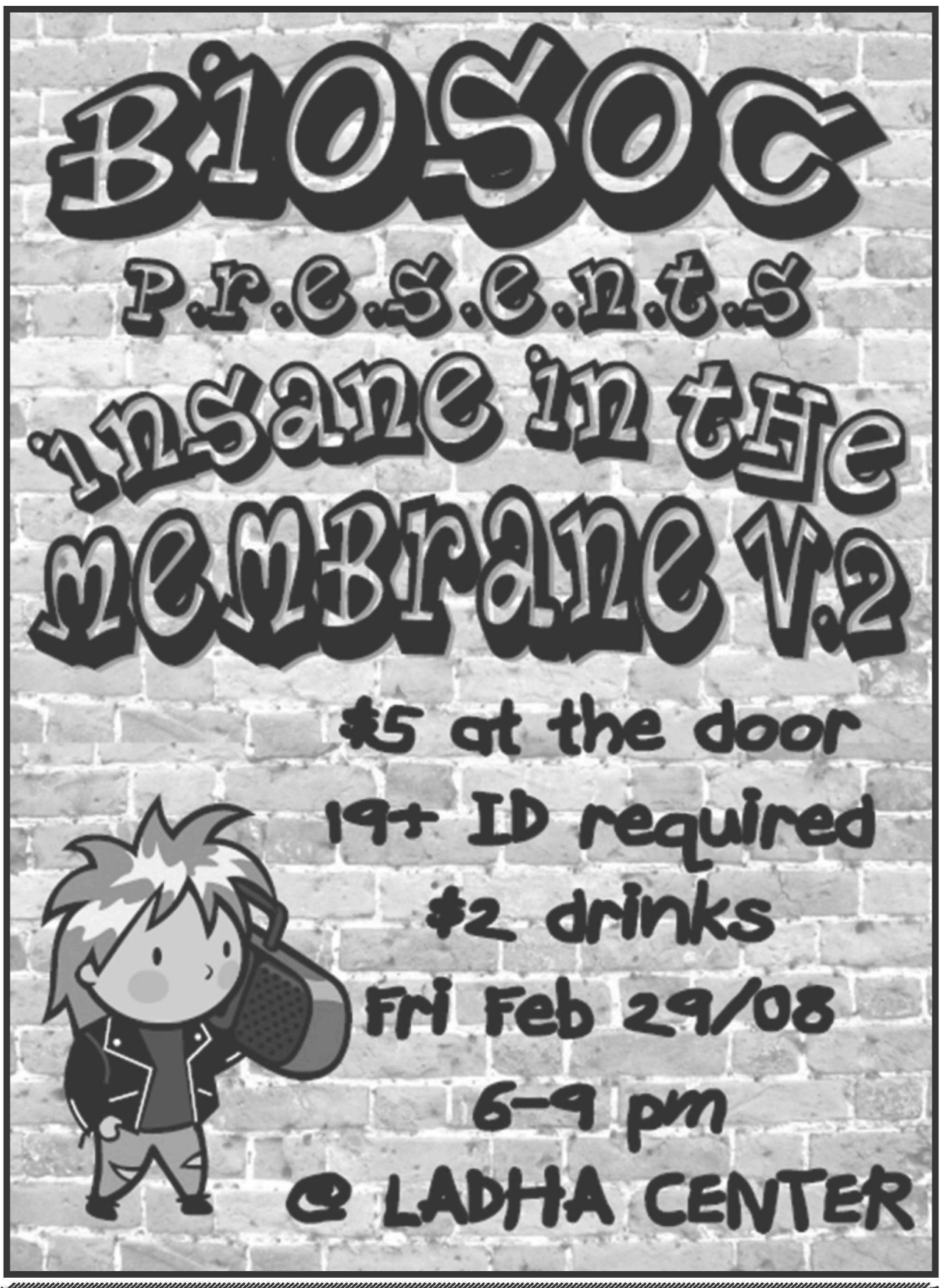

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THE SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE SOCIETY OF UBC

SUS EXEC REPORTS

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Well, this will probably be one of my last executive reports as President of the Science Undergraduate Society. I have put in a notice of resignation from the society and a vote will be held next SUS council meeting (Thursday, 12:45 in SUB 206) to appoint an interim president. It has been an absolute pleasure serving the society for 4 years. I have met some of the most amazing people at this university and had some of my best memories by participating in the society. I have learned a lot from this position and I have tried to give as much as I can to the society. I really love SUS, and hope that you consider getting involved in this wonderful society. I will be moving over to the AMS, but will always have a dear place in my heart for the Science Undergraduate Society and Science students at UBC.

As for some important things:
We will be having SUS elections info sessions coming up soon so that you can find out what it means to run for a SUS exec position. Read our bi-weekly e-mails to find out more information. The SUS exec just finished up some goal setting for second term. If you want more information on what our priorities are please contact me. Science Week was a blast and I want to thank Jamil and all the volunteers for working so hard and putting on one of the best Science Weeks I have ever seen.

Once again, thank you to all of you who have ever been involved in SUS council or volunteered for the society. It is people like you who make this all worth while. Thanks.

Jamil Rhajiak: VP External

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Jamil was extremely busy last week with Science Week. He knew things would go very well, but well wasn't good enough. He wanted things to go EXCEEDINGLY well. So they did. To everyone to came out to watch, participate, or volunteer, Jamil extends his heartfelt thanks. If you see him, run and hug him. He might be surprised, but it's alright. Also comment on how much weight he's lost with all the running around, and the stress of putting the big week together. To those who have no idea who Jamil is, he's a sunkissed man who sometimes wears glasses and skulks around Ladha a lot. Visit http://www.sus.ubc.ca, there might be a picture of him somewhere.

Thank you,
Jamil

Diana Diao: Science Senator

GOOD LUCK WITH MIDTERMS EVERYONE!! (More Senate stuff to come in the next issue.)

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8:00-9:00	Roundtable Mentorship and Cocktail Reception

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Chinese New Year = Holiday!

By: Jacob Cosman

So, it was Chinese New Year a few days, which is somewhat of a big deal in Vancouver. One of my profs announced today that he wasn't going to "prove anything, or introduce anything new, or do anything hard" in honour of the holiday, and another class ended after only twenty minutes. While this may have been due to the threat and subsequent closure of the Bio Sciences building (seriously, what is going on there?) it got me thinking about Chinese New Year.

Lots of people celebrate it, and it seems to be a good-natured relatively ecumenical holiday, with parades and cash disbursements and firecrackers. More crucially, it falls between 20 January and 21 February every year, which places it right between New Years Day (1 January, obviously) and Easter (the first weekend on or after the first full moon after 21 March, according to Wikipedia).

Why isn't Chinese New Year a statuatory holiday in British Columbia? It has a lot more meaning than, say, BC Day, and it falls in the longest stat-free period of the year. If we can all take a day off for the Monday nearest Queen Victoria's birthday, then we should have one for Chinese New Year too. Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta all have "Family Day" around this time of year, and their economies have not collapsed from the extra day off.

Survey time. I asked everyone online (N=6, since this was at 2 am) whether Chinese New Year should be a stat, and they all agreed that it should – except one friend from high school, who asserted that Chinese New Year "isn't a holiday for all Canadians". As someone who has to get permission to miss class for my own ethnic New Year, this seemed sort of offensive.

We get two days off for Easter, and two off for Christmas, and those certainly aren't holidays for all Canadians – just the (non-Eastern Orthodox) Christian ones. The province has about 1.79 million non-Orthodox Christians, and 0.43 million people of Chinese, Korean, or Vietnamese ethnicity. Proportionally speaking, I'd say they deserve a holiday too.

Gong Hey Fat Choy: Rats! It's their year!

Anyway, I guess by the time this gets published it'll be well past Chinese New Year. Kung hei fat choi, or gōngxǐ fācái if you used Chinese for your twelve mandatory arts-elective credits.

Oh! The Stuff You Can Get Away With in 5th Year

By: Aaron Pante

Last term, I took a little course called BIOL 457. The prof was very nice, he gave us the opportunity to get bonus marks. All we had to do was attend a number of weekly seminars, and write down what we learned after each one. The following is an excerpt from one of my writeups:

The presenter discussed many things, but I wasn't paying attention to most of them. The only topic I remember was that of mechanisms for stimulating thirst. Of particular interest was the 'volume challenge' mechanism. This mechanism was described using as an example a small, naive child drinking water from a swimming pool and becoming thirsty afterward. The high osmolarity of the pool water drew water out of the cells in the child's body, decreasing their volume. The decrease in volume then triggers a response to stimulate drinking in order to replenish cell size.

I however, can think of a scenario that I am much more familiar with, as I have no children that I am aware of. Some people enjoy drinking Smirnoff ice. After an evening of clever shenanigans and fortuitous imbibing, their hangover is always worse than it would have been, had they chosen a more sophisticated beverage, such as beer or jager-bombs. This is because the disgruntled Russians at the Smirnoff factory decided to add an obscene amount of sugar to the coolers, giving them a very high osmolarity. When consumed, the high osmolarity solution dehydrates the party-goer by drawing vast amounts of water out of their epithelial cells. In addition to the constant peeing caused by ADH, drinking solutions with a high osmolarity makes for some unpleasant scenarios, as dehydration is the cause of hangovers. When this person awakens the next morning to find themselves in Spuzzum with no recollection of how they got there or where their pants are; a massive headache from drinking coolers is the last thing they need.

The point I am trying to get across here is twofolds:

#1. Don't drink coolers. They are bad for you. People will make fun of you and steal your pants.

#2. Every time you go partying, bring money in case you get trapped in Spuzzum. Feel free to place this money in a neon fanny pack. It can double as a conversation piece, and will help you meet hot babes. I guarantee it.

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SUS EXEC REPORTS

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Salutations one and all. If you find the hidden message in the below address, let me know, and you'll win a prize:

In the wake of another spectacular Science Week, Council is going to be motoring right along. To be brief, here are the main points. SUS Council will be having its Spring Elections at the end of the month, nomination forms will be out in the next couple of weeks on the website and in our office in the Ladha Centre. Positions available will be for next year's Executive: President, Vice President External, Vice President Internal, Director of Administration, Director of Finance, Director of Sports, Director of Publications, Public Relations Officer, Social Coordinator, and Science Senator, as well as our AMS Representatives.

Furthermore, SUS Council is now accepting nominations for its annual Student Leadership and Teaching Excellence Awards. We have two $500 awards available to recognize outstanding Science students for their work as leaders on campus, if that's you or someone you know, check out our website or in our office once again for those nomination forms. The Teaching Excellence Awards will be to recognize any professor, instructor, or TA that students feel have went above and beyond the normal standard of teaching in the faculty, and we highly encourage that you bring forward the names of any such candidates.

Finally, for all you first years out their, my First Year Committee is working on a First Year dance for all of you. Stay tuned...

Well, that's it for me. Time to go off and study...
Auf Wiedersehen!

Meghan Ho: Public Relations

Hello SUS members! I hope you enjoyed one or more of the Science Week events. Shannon Feng and Angela Liao, two science students, attended the AIMS Health Conference for free on Jan 26, 08. Four lucky students will also be attending the Student Biotech Network Career Expo on Feb 13, 08 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel. See www.sus.ubc.ca for details.

The PR Committee held an Open House in the Ladha Centre on Tuesday, Jan 29th from 11-1:30 pm. Science Dean Simon Peacock, Associate Dean of Students Paul Harrison, Science Advisors Nanci Martin & Janet Sinclair, several profs, and of course, science students were in attendance for Q&A sessions, Science (Family) Feud, Human Bingo, food and prizes.

Good luck on your midterms!

Lawrence Chow: Social

Hello to the members of SUS (that's you!). The social committee just finished its most recent event, the annual end-of-science-week concert, Cold Fusion. This year, we had a Led Zeppelin tribute, A Whole Lotta Led, that had an absolute blast playing for UBC. Although I'll be the first to admit it was quite a sausage fest, I PROMISE our next event will be filled with beautiful women. Look out for our next dancing event in Ladha at the end of Febuary to mid-March. It'll be better than Alchemy! We are also showing biweekly movies in Ladha, so keep an eye for those. Also look out for our future events: a gaming competition, and an end of year formal at Science World.

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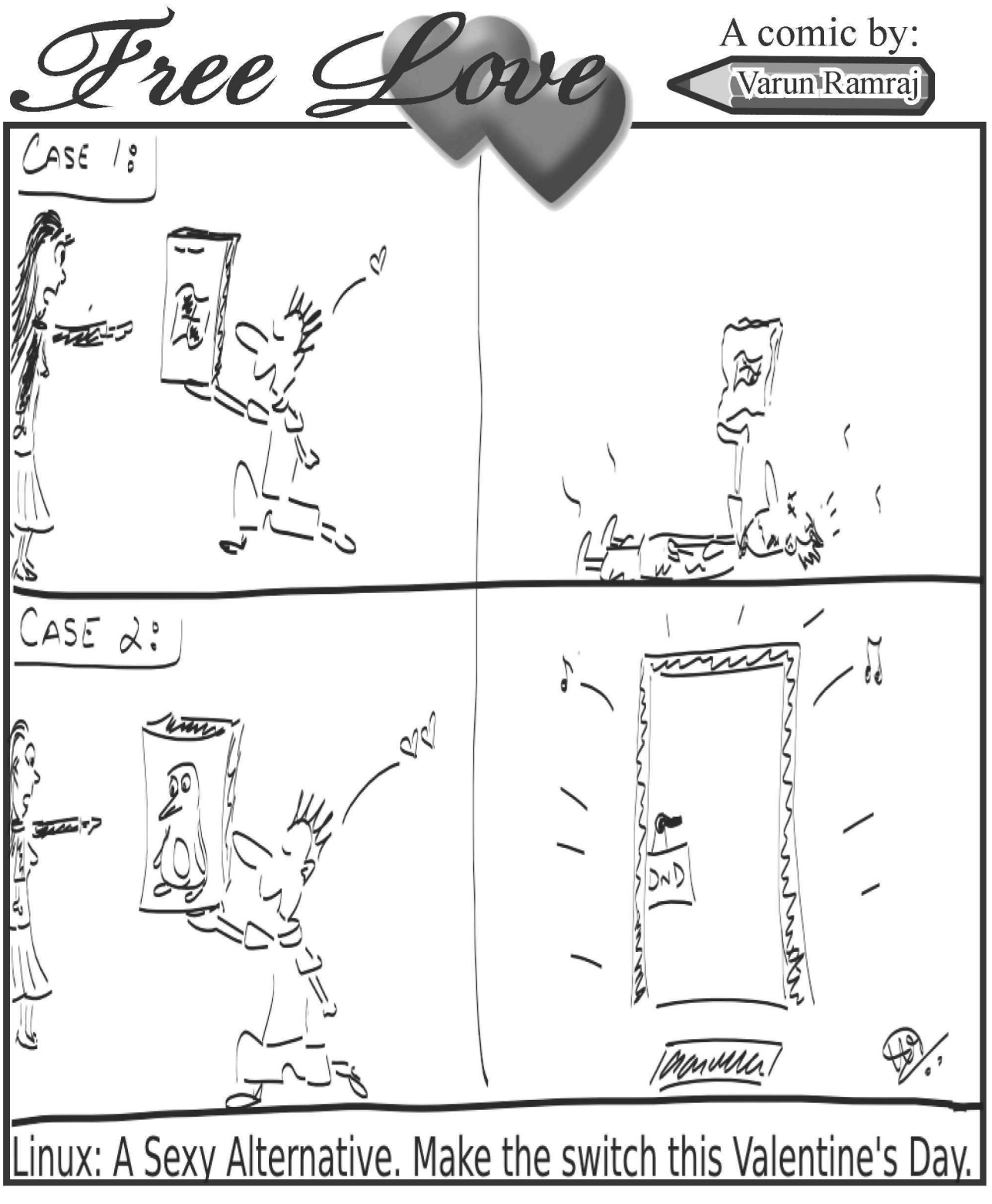

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Alex Lougheed: Administration

Well, Ladha hasn't had a fire, hasn't had a bomb threat, and isn't slated for demolition, so we're doing better than the rest of the University! We're working on getting some nice, published promo materials for the building and for bookings, as well as some other projects here and there (composting should be in the washrooms now--that was a pain to finalize). Much kudos goes our to my Building Supervisors and Building Manager for being the cogs in the well-oiled machine that is our box wedged between Chem/Phys and Hebb.

Also, I saw the light and may be jumping ship to the AMS executive committee. If you want to replace me on SUS (oh god why would you want to do that), show up to the SUS Council meeting on Feb 14, 12:45pm at SUB 206, where an interim election will take place until the actual exec elections. Contact me for details. Varun should have put my email somewhere here....<*Varun: and I did. Here it is*: administration.sus@gmail.com>

Varun Ramraj: Publications

Lovely readers,

I am pleased that you are reading this report. While it does not necessarily contain much information of use, it DOES mean that you picked up a copy of The 432. Why is this important? Let's analyze what this paper is going to do for you, and where it's going in the near future.

The 432 is designed to inform, firstly. It strives to do this in an entertaining manner. Of course, this doesn't happen without the help of the Publications Committee and sometimes, an additional crack squad of writers. Last week's Science Week issue was the result of a wonderful, 4-day team effort, and I was thrilled to see so many copies floating around in your hands! I even saw Labrat give out copies; thanks Labrat, wherever you are!

In the very near future, The 432 might have a website, with a team of regular contributors. If you are interested in being a contributor, and are remotely funny, and are addicted to blogs, please send me an email: publications.sus@gmail.com. Enjoy the rest of the paper!

Sonia Purewal: Sports

The year has been going very well! The Science Undergraduate Society organized and managed 10 different teams and sponsored over 25 teams in UBC Rec's intramurals leagues. All the teams did great in the playoffs and represented well! Science is currently second in the Pomfret Division for unit points, second only to Arts. Sports Committee held the Amazing X-mas Race in late November with over 30 participants and recently held Science Olympics as a part of Science Week. Teams showcased their athleticism, fun and competitive spirit in a bid to be crowned champions navigating through the events which included wheelbarrowing up the knoll for the win.

Sports committee is currently organizing a series of workshops in the coming months to introduce science students to new sports and activities to promote health, and well-being in a social environment. We are looking for instructors so if you teach yoga, pilates, martial arts, dance or any other activity please contact Sonia at sports.sus@gmail.com