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As Canada bids farewell to 2024 and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who resigned on Monday after nearly a decade of leadership, 2025 begins with reflection and cautious optimism. Trudeau's legacy of progressive policies and polarizing decisions leaves Canada at a crossroads, poised for renewal under fresh leadership. Meanwhile, we too enter this year navigating challenges but with hope for new possibilities. In this issue, we explore optimism for 2025 in our "Thinking Corner," review a must-see movie and a trending musical piece, and share a heartwarming story that reminds us why joy matters. Don't miss the funnies—they might just be the optimism boost you need! Here's to embracing the new year with purpose, hope, and a bit of humour.

Kuber V

Trudeau Resigns

By *Kuber V*

On January 6, 2025, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made an announcement in a public address. He is resigning.

After nearly a decade in office, Trudeau announced his resignation, citing a desire to focus on his family and allow fresh leadership to guide the country through its next chapter. Trudeau's progressive policies, charismatic presence, and polarizing leadership have left an indelible mark on Canadian politics. As leader of the Liberal Party since 2013 and Prime Minister since 2015, Trudeau's tenure has been defined by both achievements and significant challenges.



Trudeau announces his resignation at press conference on January 7, 2024

Challenges and Controversies

Trudeau faced difficulties during his tenure. Allegations of ethics violations, such as the SNC-Lavalin scandal, and criticism over his handling of Indigenous rights led to questions about his leadership. His decision to approve the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, illustrating a balancing act between

environmental commitments and economic interests, was met with fierce criticism from both activists and industry leaders.

Global crises also shaped his time in office. His government's swift implementation of financial aid programs during the pandemic was praised, but raised concerns about rising national debt. His ambitious environmental policies faced resistance from provinces and critics who questioned their economic impact.



A New Chapter for Canada

Trudeau expressed pride in his accomplishments while emphasizing the need for renewal in his resignation speech. "Leading this incredible country has been the honor of my life," he said. "But leadership is about knowing when it's time to pass the torch. Canada needs fresh ideas and new energy to tackle the challenges of the future." The Liberal Party will now begin the process of selecting a new leader. Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Finance Minister Mélanie Joly are rumoured to be contenders. Meanwhile, opposition parties see this as a pivotal moment to gain ground, with Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre already issuing sharp criticisms of Trudeau.



A Decade of Leadership

When Trudeau first took office, he captivated Canadians with his optimism, youthful energy, and promises of change. As the son of former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Justin shouldered the weight of both expectations and scrutiny. His early days in office were marked by an ambitious agenda: revitalizing Canada's environmental policies, strengthening international relations, and fostering a more inclusive society. Trudeau's government enacted landmark legislation, including legalising recreational cannabis in 2018 and implementing a carbon tax to combat climate change. His progressive stance on immigration and LGBTQ+ rights earned him global praise, firmly positioning Canada as a bastion of liberal values. Under Trudeau's leadership, Canada was a beacon of hope for refugees, a stark contrast to the inward-looking policies of many other nations. As Canada looks forward to its new PM, Canadians maintain hope for a bright future despite current adversities.

Thinking Corner

Optimism for the Year

BY *Abel B.*

New year, maybe a better year right? Possibly, but let's be realistic for a second. 2025, will it be a great year? Probably not, but I can say as an optimistic realist that it will be a good year. Sure we are still recovering from COVID-19, and the world as a whole is experiencing many different changes and continuations of conflicts. We will see something new this year, guaranteed, but that doesn't mean it won't be a good year. As much as there were not-so great things, there are and will be great things to come

Things will happen both good and bad, focusing on the negative will only bring you to the pits of despair. Squeeze as much joy as you can out of every situation. Bringing yourself down will eventually bring others down, so raise yourself up (but please don't become a narcissist) so others may also be raised up.

Now, does this mean we should become pessimists and decide that the world has forsaken us and that we'll all fail our classes, No, not in a million years. Evil triumphs when good people do nothing. If we are not hopeful, we are doing nothing. So instead of doing nothing or being pessimistic (which will only worsen our perspectives) let's be optimistic. It's a new year, new year, new us right, and being optimistic (but not overly so) will help us in our lives.

There is a philosophical theory from a philosopher called Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, that states that this world is the best of all possible worlds. Now is this true, maybe, who knows, but I would say our world is definitely one of the better possible worlds because for every possible thing that could be better, there are probably more things that could be worse.

Of course, there are uses to being optimistic. It helps us feel better about ourselves. And can help us find joy in the little things of life. The alarm didn't wake you up, you got more sleep, and you know that you might need to change your alarm. Failed a quiz, you found something to improve on.

As humans, we tend to worry about this or that. And this year we will likely continue to do so, but alongside that, relax if only for a second and find joy in life, be humorous if only for yourself. Why worry all the time, which won't help you, when you can be joyful, even for a moment to raise yourself up

So when you see it's raining, be glad it's not lava, when you step in mud, be glad it's not quicksand. Life is too short to be pessimistic all the time, but it's not too short to be optimistic all the time.

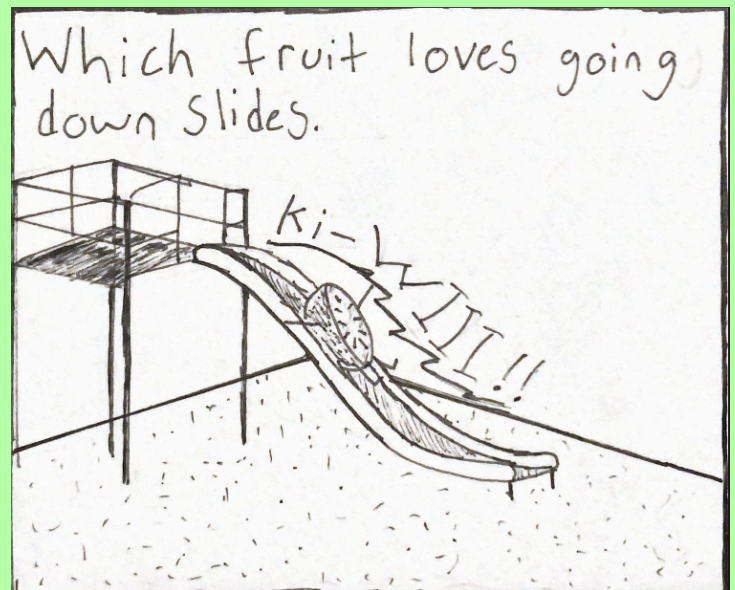
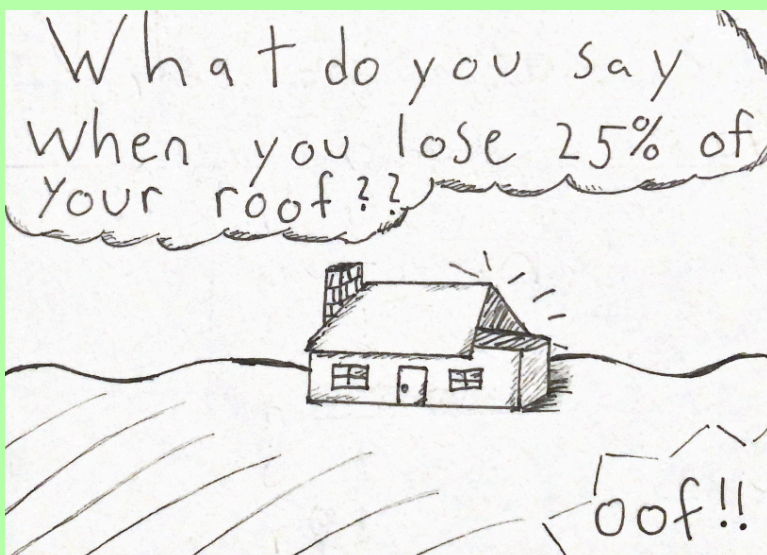
Hope we all have a good year folks, and yes, I was tired while I wrote this.



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Media Reviews

Film Review

By: *Arav K*

Deadpool & Wolverine, released on July 26, 2024, brought together actors Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool and Hugh Jackman returning to his role as Wolverine. The film has been well-received, holding a 78% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes based off of 366 reviewers. Critics praised the dynamic between Reynolds and Jackman, noting their chemistry as a highlight. The New York Post describes this film as a “fantastic buddy comedy” that revitalizes the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). The Guardian refers to it as a “gagstastic if sloppy action comedy” that maximizes its mature rating. However, some reviews point out that the film leans heavily on fan

service and meta-humor, which may have overshadowed its narrative depth. Vulture mentions that while the film elicits laughs through Deadpool’s crude humor, the plot felt secondary to the constant barrage of jokes and self-awareness. Additionally, Decider noted that the plot can be convoluting, relying heavily on audiences having deep knowledge of Marvel comics and previous movies.

Overall, *Deadpool & Wolverine* offers a blend of humor, action, and nostalgia, appealing to long-time Marvel fans, especially to those who appreciate the irrelevant style of *Deadpool*. While it may not be a groundbreaking addition to the MCU, it provides an entertaining experience for its target audience.



Song Review *By: Ben S*

Interdimensional is a song by Cosmo Sheldrake for his 2024 album *Eye to the Ear*. This song is the 20th of the 21 song tracklist. Sheldrake is known for his songs relating to nature and having a very distinct sound seen in *The Moss* and *Birthday Suit*, popular in 2020. Sheldrakes music has this very whimsical, magical feeling to it, and I think this is particularly saturated in *Interdimensional*. His voice is very pleasant, it sounds doubled, almost like an echo, it has this hint of a rasp while being very coffee-like, it feels like home. *Interdimensional* has a cave vibe in the way it echos, the pounding drums, a distant chorus. The best part by far is at 3:07 where there is almost a beat drop, but then at 3:18 the beat actually drops and it feels ethereal. the once distant chorus surrounds you, Sheldrakes voice

barely understandable under it. Its like the climax of a movie, ending with the line “Man overboard at sea in bewilderment / Over borders lost in the wilderness”.

Cosmo Sheldrake says that *Interdimensional* is about losing your sense of self, however I think the song deals more with how we are interconnected with nature and how everything in nature is interconnected with each other. “I wasn’t big / I wasn’t small / I wasn’t anyone at all”. This line is about being everything, being apart of the big picture, and the big picture itself. We are big in comparison to ants, but small in comparison to giraffes. “Up above and barefoot / My feet were on the cold ground / I looked a little harder / Life was blooming all around / Undulating order / My ears were bathed in strange sounding tunes”.

This is about being out in nature. being barefoot makes you feel closer to the earth. If you look around- under rocks, in the grass, in the trees, you can find life everywhere around you. “Undulating order” could refer to the animal kingdom, how it regulates itself, animal populations ebb and flow. “My ears were bathed in strange sounding tunes” would refer to when you’re really out there and you stand still for a moment and listen- the wind that whips past you, crows, seagulls, robin calls, distant cows, people even.

Listening to *Interdimensional* feels like a holy religious experience. Its beautifully crafted with clear love and passion. If you want to feel like a mage on a quest while walking in the halls I’d implore you to give this song a listen. It’s available on all streaming services.

New Years Resolutions

By: *Grayson Y*

The new year is often a time where various people around the world become inspired to make extensive goals, such as weight loss or going to the gym to get muscular, or it would be to start reading (this I have experience with).

Those just being examples, and there are many more.

However, I have seen many people not quite live up to these goals, often procrastinating. A good example of this would be the gyms, when the doors would flood with several newbies not knowing how to workout, and this made it difficult for the gym bros already there.

Fortunately for the gym bros, these “goals” hardly last long. By February the newbies quit, and the gyms go back to normal.

This goes to show the lack of willpower people possess nowadays. Most people would rather live in the idea of succeeding in a goal, or be daunted by the work it posed, and not willing to put in the effort.

This of course cannot be said about everybody. I for example made the resolution for 2023 to start reading. Prior to this I never read, ever. But throughout that year I read five books.

Willpower is the key. If you really want to do something then it will happen. “Where there is a will there is a way.”



GRAD SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

Speaking of resolutions - Grads! You should **resolve** to get your scholarship applications in! Talk to your counsellors and get onto those applications. These are free money (always the best kind) and you should take the time you have during the assessment week to finish up the scholarship letter you left half-finished in your CLC class in term one! You don't need to rest, that's what Winter break was for.



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