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2020: THE PAST DECADE

Kai Neiman, Editor-in-Chief

The twenty tens have passed, and we are now heading into the twenty twenties. The past decade has shown advances in smartphones, and smartphones. An increase in LGBT rights and gay marriage. However there has also been a number of natural and human made tragedies.

The number of political events of the past decade are staggering.

Around 1,000 people marched through the streets of New York City's Financial District in September 2011 under an "Occupy Wall Street" banner. The protesters condemned income inequality and the influence of money in politics, and called for an overhaul of what they saw as a failing financial system

In 2013, three black female activists started using the social media hashtag #BlackLivesMatter in response to the acquittal of George Zimmerman, who shot and killed an unarmed black teen, Trayvon Martin, the previous year. Drawing inspiration from the civil rights and Black Power movements of the 1960s and Occupy Wall Street, the Black Lives Matter movement gained more attention in 2014 and 2015, when rioting followed the deaths of several black men who were killed by police.

In November 2016, one of the most bitterly divided political contests in the nation's history ended when Republican candidate Donald Trump, a businessman and TV personality, won the election to become the 45th president of the United States. Though his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, former first lady, New York senator and secretary of state and the first female presidential nominee of a major U.S. political party, won the popular vote by more than 2.8 million votes, Trump captured the electoral vote.

In 2018 the Senate Intelligence Committee determined that Russia interfered with the 2016 presidential election and yet there was no action taken when this news surfaced. Attorney General William Barr decided not to charge individuals associated with the Trump campaign.

In mid-2016, amid a mass refugee crisis in Europe and furious debate over migration, Britons voted roughly 52 to 48 percent in favor of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, a.k.a. Brexit. The deadline for withdrawal was extended several times and still hasn't gone through.

In the fall of 2019, a complaint by a whistleblower within the White House sparked an impeachment inquiry by the Democrat-dominated House of Representatives. Trump became the fourth U.S. president in history to formally face impeachment. After a series of public hearings led by the House Intelligence and Judiciary Committees, two articles of impeachment were brought against Trump: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. On December 18, the House voted to pass both articles and Trump became the third U.S. president to be impeached.

Then there were a number of destructive natural disasters that occurred over the last decade.

The deadliest natural disaster of the decade happened in the first month of 2010, when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck the West Indian island of Hispaniola on the afternoon of January 12. Followed by dozens of powerful aftershocks, the quake hit hardest in Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere.

Japan is devastated by a 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami which wiped entire villages from the island of Japan. It even caused one of their nuclear reactors to malfunction and spread radiation to the surrounding area.

Several massive hurricanes and tropical storms hit the United States in the 2010s, starting in 2012 with Sandy, which unleashed record-setting gales and storm surges in the Northeast. The storm killed more than 230 people and caused some \$70 billion in damages. In 2017, three major hurricanes (Harvey, Irma and Maria) struck Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, respectively, over five devastating weeks. A year later, Michael became the first Category 5 hurricane to hit the contiguous United States since 1992, causing more than 50 deaths and \$25 billion in damages on Florida's Gulf Coast.

The 2010 until the end of 2019 also saw the continuation of the fight against terrorism from the 2000's.

During the second decade following 9/11, the scourge of terrorism continued around the world. There were major attacks at the Boston Marathon; a music venue, cafes and restaurants in Paris, France; on London Bridge and a crowded Barcelona street; a nightclub in Orlando, Florida; and a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, among other places.

U.S. Special Operations forces took down two major leaders of Islamic terrorism, 9/11 mastermind Osama Bin Laden and ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

But terrorism within the United States was on the rise, including an increasing number of attacks driven by racist, xenophobic, homophobic, anti-Muslim and/or anti-Semitic views.

One of the saddest and numerous events of the last decade are the mass shootings, which included an elementary school.

Episodes of gun violence against schoolchildren marred the decade, including attacks at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Connecticut, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and dozens of others.

The horrifying spectacle of semi-automatic weapons used in mass school shootings, as well as in similarly brutal attacks in other public venues—from a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, to a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, to a country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada—led to calls for increased gun legislation after each new tragedy.

The 2010s have indeed had the most shootings in any decade, according to data from Mother Jones. In this decade alone, there were 63 mass shootings, defined as "indiscriminate rampages in public places resulting in four or more victims killed by the attacker."

On a happier note on the last decade was the increase of LGBT rights and the legalization of gay marriage, though it wasn't accepted everywhere.

The decade saw key advances for LGBTQ people around the world, with the legalization of same-sex marriage in 18 countries, including Argentina, France, Great Britain, Australia, Ireland, Germany and the United States (via the Supreme Court's decision in Obergefell v. Hodges).

Meanwhile, anti-gay laws passed in Russia and China and there was an ongoing battle in the United States over laws preventing transgender people from using bathrooms matching their gender identity. The Trump administration also reinstated a ban on transgender citizens serving in the U.S. military.

2020: THE NEW DECADE (CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

In the last decade, the Royal family in Britain celebrated a number of things which the public happily celebrated with them.

The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II took place in 2012. With Queen Elizabeth II in her seventh decade on the throne, the first monarch to do so.

Prince William, Prince Charles's eldest son with Princess Diana, married Catherine Middleton in 2011, and by decade's end they had three children, including Prince George, now third in line to the British throne behind his grandfather and father.

In 2018, William's younger brother, Prince Harry, wed the biracial, divorced American actress Meghan Markle in a ceremony watched by some 29.2 million TV viewers. Their son, Archie, was born the following year.

The movement against sexual assault and harassment made headlines this past decade. With the #MeToo movement being the most widespread.

Though activist Tarana Burke first coined the phrase #MeToo back in 2006, what's known as the #MeToo movement exploded in late 2017, after a New York Times article exposed long-rumored accusations of sexual harassment and assault against influential Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein made by dozens of women, including many famous actresses. In the aftermath of these revelations, millions of people came forward to express solidarity with the accusers and shared their own experiences with sexual assault, harassment and sexism in the workplace and beyond. Widespread media coverage

of #MeToo led to the resignation or firing of numerous prominent figures accused of misconduct.

A recording of Donald Trump saying he could grab women 'by the p-----' leaked a month before the presidential election. Trump called the comment "locker room talk". He still won.

The technological advancements of the past ten years skyrocketed, internet and streaming became even more prominent than the previous decade. It has become the norm in pop culture.

Netflix began its streaming service in 2007, but it didn't start producing its own original content until 2012. Prior to then, your options were binge-watching Friends or scouring the movie section for a title you'd heard of. Now, there are too many new shows on Netflix to keep track of—not to mention Hulu, Amazon Prime, and countless others. With technology like the Amazon Fire Stick, Apple TV, and Google Chromecast, it's never been easier to stream your favorite shows and movies on your TV screen.

"Going viral" was a phrase that took on a different meaning in the 2010s—it's not about getting sick, but rather achieving a high number of views and likes online in a short amount of time. And what went viral over the past decade heavily shaped what the world talked about offline.

In 2015, the term "meme"—a joke, usually in photo or video form, that goes viral—was added to the dictionary and it quickly became a fixture of 2010s culture. There were countless viral memes throughout the decade: Distracted Boyfriend,

Salt Bae, Arthur's Fist, Sad Keanu, Grumpy Cat, and Cash Me Outside are a few among many.

Nowadays, most people only have two types of phones, an iPhone or an Android. Yes, the iPhone made its debut in 2007 and the Android in 2008, but it wasn't until the 2010s that the smartphone really took over. In fact, 2010 was the year that iPhone sales eclipsed BlackBerry's for the first time.

In October 2010, a little photo-sharing app called Instagram launched. The app initially only allowed users to upload square photos with a caption and hashtags. Now the platform is so much more than that, with stories, videos, direct messaging, in-app shopping, video calling, and more.

The rise of Twitter had a surprising effect on politics in the 2010s. The 2012 and 2016 elections were hugely impactful on the platform, but even smaller political issues went viral thanks to Twitter. It turned out to be a useful political tool—and a divisive one, sparking heated online debates, including over whether the president should keep tweeting.

Then in pop culture there were changes of course. What was once unpopular became popular over the past decade.

Since 2010, Marvel Studios and DC Films have released a total of 48 superhero movies—and they have made bank. Just this year, Avengers: Endgame became the highest-grossing movie of all time with a whopping \$2.798 billion at the box office.

It was during the 2010s that

hip-hop and R&B dethroned rock as the most popular music genre in America for the first time ever. According to Nielsen Music's 2017 year-end report, hip-hop accounted for 24.5 percent of music consumption, and 9 out of 10 of the most consumed songs that year were from the genre.

In the first decade of the 2000s, we were warned about climate change and global warming—Al Gore's; An Inconvenient Truth made its mark—but in the 2010s, it seems the world started listening. Drastic measures have been taken to reduce waste, like the ban of plastic straws, a hazard to the ocean and the environment. According to a report by the Union of Concerned Scientists, solar panel installations in the U.S. jumped 485 percent from 2010 to 2013. And people are investing more in hybrid electric cars. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics reports that sales of hybrid electric cars in the U.S. hit an all-time high in 2013, with more than 495,500 units sold. There's still work that needs to be done, but these are steps in the right direction.

A new year, a new decade. Make the most of your horizons ahead by being open to possibilities. This has been a turbulent decade across the world – protest, austerity, populism, mass migration. Changes and accomplishments happened, as well as the tragedies. This new year and the following decade will be sure to create more change and its starts right now.

"Today, carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change."

— Sarah Ban Breathnach

WINTER ORIENTATION

Lulu Maria de Lourdes Garcia Manzano, Assistant Editor-in-Chief

As a new term begins new students come to Brandon University to begin their post-secondary education. In order to help new students, get acquainted with their new school, Brandon University held an orientation for new students on January 3rd. This was an all-day event and it was meant

to help new students find their way around campus. The orientation consisted of giving tours to new students and showing them important places and informing them of important dates.

Some of us may remember our orientation day

and being welcomed at the HLC, similarly new students were welcomed in Clark Hall and from there given a tour. Different student services were present in order to show students what they have to offer. The academic skills center and the student accessibility services were among those who attended.

Student orientation is an important event that continues to help new students by calming an informing them on any doubt they may have.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Jenna Murray, Reporter

If you decide to make some New Year's resolutions, here are a few tips to help you succeed in them: 1. Make small and achievable goals that are realistic. It is better to make 10 small goals or resolutions than to make 2 giant ones. Break them up into smaller steps. 2. Post them somewhere in your living space so that you see them every day. That will help you stay on track. 3. Have a reason why you are making that resolution/goal. If you have a reason that means a lot to you it will make it easier to follow. Maybe even include your reason on the resolution. I want to do X because..... 4. Don't hate on yourself. Make positive resolutions to improve your life, not ones that make you feel negatively about yourself. Getting healthier, eating good food, helping the planet, volunteering more, saving money. Focus on where you want to be a year from now, not where you think you should or have to be.

Hate resolutions? That's cool. Maybe you are in a good place right now, or maybe you think they are just doomed to fail. Either way, if you hate them don't make any, but try not to hate on people who do.

By the time this issue of the Quill comes out, New Year's will be over, and maybe you've already set some goals for 2020. Or maybe you think you are perfect just the way you are! Either way, I wish you a happy 2020!

When you mention New Year's resolutions, you are often met with either passionate hatred toward the idea of changing one's self for a new year. New Year's Resolutions are the reason the gym gets super packed for the month of January, then the excitement dies down. According to History.com, the ancient Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, and they made them to the gods. Romans also made promises to one of their gods, Janis for New Year's.

Clearly making promises in a new year, whether to the gods or to oneself is not a new practice. New Year's resolutions have religious roots, but today many people use the occasion to try and start fresh, and work on areas in their lives they find problematic.

There's nothing wrong with making New Year's resolutions, if that's your thing. According to a poll on the Star F.M. Facebook page, created December 28th, only 17 percent of the people who responded said they made resolutions, while 83 percent say they do not. Why are New Year's resolutions appealing to people who do make them? I think there is something significant about a completely new year, that we can convince ourselves it is a fresh start, and that's kind of cool! Especially this year as we say goodbye to the 2010s and welcome in the 2020s.

Tyler Clarke, Artist *Movie Prep*



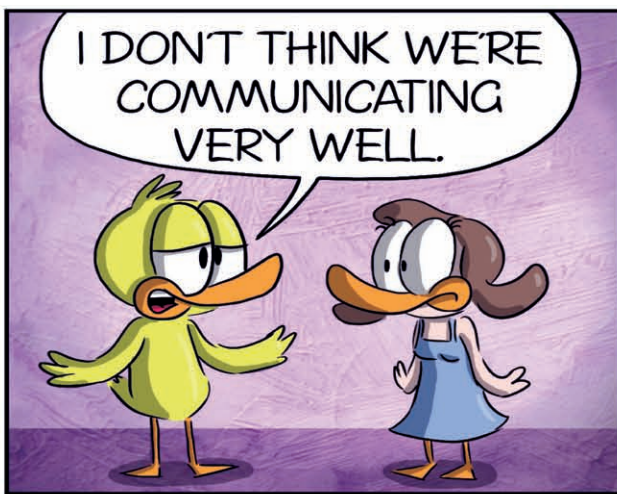
THE PAST DECADE AT BRANDON UNIVERSITY

Kai Neiman, Editor-in-Chief

The past decade at Brandon University has seen a number of changes. There have been research grants, new discoveries from our own faculty, numerous publications and plans for the future. Music is a constant source of success for the university, Mini-U increased its classes and camps for kids. New programs and degrees became available to new and continuing students. Despite tuition in-

creases, the number of students enrolling and attending climbed each year. So many things have happened over the past ten years that have changed the school. Some past goals have succeeded, some have not but changes are constantly occurring.

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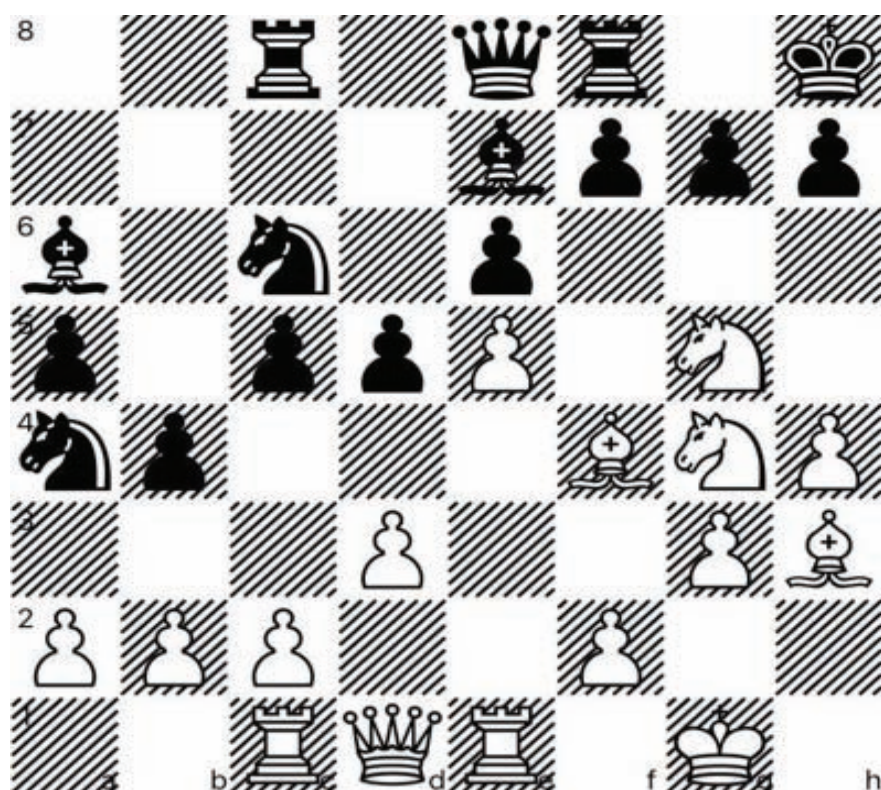


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From
A.Naiditsch v. D. Brandenburg
German League 2012
King's Indian Attack



Credit: Guolixuan Mao, Artist

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? THE TRUTH? IT'S RIDICULOUS.

By N. Monk, an Anti-Motivational Writer

With the end of the decade and entering the year of 2020, some people are setting themselves up for failure with the years old trend of New Year's resolutions. How believable is this statement, a man who has never run an ultra-marathon, who has not worked out in ten years, says he is going to run an ultra-marathon tomorrow and break a record? For most this is not believable at all. Most people would respond to this statement with "of course he will not". This is obvious to people that will is most likely not going to happen and many people believe this statement, starting New Year's Year I am going to eat properly and going to go to the gym and workout every day for a whole year. Or a person who never wrote anything before says starting New Year's Day they are going to write a thousand words every day for a year.

All of those statements are essentially saying the same thing, and yet only one is seen as ridiculous. For a person who is not used to writing thousands of words every day for a year, that is an ultra-marathon, but in the form of writing. That person is setting-up for failure. The same applies for the person going to the gym every day. Then by the first month or two they wonder why they failed. The reason was right in front of them from the start of the journey, they did

create these goals with the right reasons. In other words, they did not fuel their car with the right fuel. New Year's Resolution mentality is almost identical to the loser mentality.

Some people ask me how to stay disciplined with the goals I set for myself and want to know how I am still motivated after years. My reasons are simple, one, I did not wait for the new year to start. Two, I do not believe in motivation. Three, I made sure I had the right mentality when I started. For example, almost three years ago in February I decided I was going to write one poem every day till the day I die. How is that going now? I am coming up on three years straight. I still have not failed to write a poem. Another example, I decided in June I was going to study and practice chess every day for at least one hour. Here I am now still going strong and not planning to stop. I even surprised myself by reading 38 chess books from June to now.

For those wanting some motivation. There were plenty of moments where I wanted to throw my chess board in the trash bin. If you do not believe me ask anyone who was around me everyday. Of course, it did not feel good when other people were improving and I was going nowhere especially when I was putting in the hours, but I did

not care. I was playing the long game. I was only focusing on my game not what the others were doing, it only mattered to me what my quality of play was like. People at the gym would wonder why I would be looking at my reflection in the glass windows of the track when I was running. I do that because the only person I am racing is myself.

The people that pumped up on New Year's Resolution's thinking that the motivation and power needed to overcome all of the barriers and handicaps that they have in their lives is suddenly just going to come to them on January 1st and allow them to make all the changes they want and that has been blockaded for a whole year is suddenly going to appear for them, is just complete bullsh*t. There is nothing more special about the new year of 2020 then the next second that is coming up. Waiting is wasting. No more of this I will start tomorrow. Instead make it starting now. What I think of New year's Resolutions is simple, here is a quote from Arnold Schwarzenegger

"Sit down, because if you think this way, you're gonna be a loser, you're never gonna make it. Because there's no maybe. You've got to get up and say I want to be a champion."

WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

Jenna Murray, Reporter

Didn't do so hot on your essays last term? Dreading the math class you have to take? Suck at multiple choice? New to university life and feeling a bit nervous? Great news, BU offers workshops for students to help out with writing skills, various math skills, as well as learning how to adjust to university life and much more!

Brandon University holds different workshops during the academic year for students to improve themselves academically. Often the workshops that are available are posted outside the library doors, outside the door of 005 in McKenzie, or outside student services in the hallway. Workshops are great because they are free and can make university life a whole lot easier. According to the calendar on the BU website, the workshops and walk-ins start up again the first week of January.

Writing skills walk-ins are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 1pm-3pm at the circular desk on the main floor of the library. There are Learning Coach workshops which are held Tuesday's from 12:30-2 in room 002 of McKenzie. The learning coach workshops help students learn better study routines, how to remember what you read in your textbooks, advice on multiple choice tests and what resources are available at BU. There is a Contemporary Math workshop on January 7th, from 12:40-1:30 in room 1-53 of Brodie.

There are also writing skills walk-ins available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 in the Indigenous People's Centre. An Essay Basics workshop will be held on January 14th, from 1010-1130 in 005 of McKenzie. There is also a second Essay Basics workshop being held on the 15th of January from 1240-130

also in 005 of McKenzie.

On January 22nd there is a Make a Study Plan workshop being held from 930-1020 in 005 of McKenzie as well. These are only a few of the workshops that can be found in January and throughout the term. People can also book one-on-one sessions to get help on academics if the walk-in times don't work.

BU also offers a winter career day to be held on January 22nd where people can go look for potential summer jobs.

To see a full list of when workshops or any other events are being held at BU, please check out the events page on BU's website: <https://events.brandonu.ca/events/2020-02/>

BUDGETING FOR STUDENTS

Lulu Maria de Lourdes Garcia Manzano, Assitant Editor-in-Chief

It may seem as though budgeting might be a pretty boring and dull subject, nonetheless it is an important endeavour all university students must learn to conquer. Being "good" with money is something our parents are constantly telling us to be. We are adults and as such we are expected to take care of our finances.

Here is a simple and basic plan to follow to keep track of your spending and how to control your spending habits better.

Whether you're trying to save up for a big spend like a holiday or new video games console, or whether you just want to be prepared for emergencies (everything from broken laptops and a smashed phone screen to a medical emergency) a strong budget is needed to ensure you have the necessary funds.

The first step to budgeting is calculating your student budget. This can be as simple as listing all the money you've got coming in, tracking how much you spend, and seeing how they balance out. Once you've done that, you can set goals to help curb your spending and start saving more money.

Here's how to plan your budget in four easy steps:

1. Establish your income.

- This will set the parameters of your spending. Careful thought is needed in order to account for every possible source of revenue.

2. Estimate your outgoings.

- You need to figure out where all your money is going. You can either look back at your bank statement to tot up all your previous purchases, or simply input a rough estimate of how much you think you spend on each category.

A list of common essential student spending is;

- Groceries and rent
- Bills (such as insurance, gas, electricity, water, celaphone)
- Transport (bus, train, fuel, car insurance)
- Course materials (textbooks, any other materials you may need equipment).

Examples of Non-essential student expenses

- Nights out (alcohol, club entry, taxis, takeaways)
- Hobbies (cinema tickets, gigs, festivals, books)
- Clothes
- Gym membership
- Haircuts and other beauty expenses
- Subscription services (Amazon, Prime, Netflix)
- Travelling (flights, hotels)
- Gifts and charity.

3. Calculate your weekly budget.

- Once you've got all your expenses laid out before you, it's time to break it down into a weekly budget. Brace yourself, as this is where it starts to get really ugly.

- Work out your total income for a term at university

- Minus your essential expenses for the same period

- Divide the number you're left with by the number of weeks in a term.

- You've now got your weekly student budget – in other words, how

much money you've got to spend on all those non-essential things each week.

- For example, if your income across the first term is \$3,000 and your essential expenditure adds up to \$1,500, you would have \$125 a week (across a 12-week term).

- It's better to budget your expenditure per week rather than per month, as it's easy to go overboard at the start of the month and be penniless by the end.

4. Set goals for yourself

- If you follow the steps above and come out with a reasonable weekly budget, then great! But what if you're left with only a mediocre amount of spending money or none at all?

- Whether you need to budget to get by, or you're trying to cut back, it's all about setting goals to either reduce your spending or boost your income.

- You may realize you're spending \$100 on eating out each month, in which case you could try reducing it to half of that amount. Or, if your gym membership is sucking up half of your income then maybe it's time to try some more creative ways of getting fit.

- Overall there are many ways to make a budget there are apps, and spreadsheets built specifically for these purposes. If you don't want to make a budget from scratch, these tools will help you. It is hard to decide what to spend your money on and how to control your spending therefore here is an outline on a few saving tricks;

1. Ask yourself: do you want this, or need it? Spend your money on the stuff you need first, and save the 'wants' for special occasions

2. Try to cut out the everyday money-draining monsters (we're talking coffees, cigarettes, takeout...) that eat into your finances

3. Make sure you're getting all the Student Finance that you're entitled to, including any grants, bursaries or scholarships up for grabs

4. Give yourself a set allowance for each of your spending areas, such as going out or food shopping – and stick to it. If at the end of the month you've underspent in one area, you can carry that over to the next month, or use it to supplement your budget in another area for that month. Shopping trip!

5. To make it easier to track your daily spending, you can take a set amount of cash out at the start of the week and use that instead of paying by card.

6. Recycle everything. If you're done with something, and it's still usable, sell it on for cash or swap it for something else. Likewise, never buy new if you can get it just as good from someone else for less cash. This works for clothes, furniture, textbooks, you name it

7. Never stick with your bank account just to be loyal – loyalty doesn't pay in this game! And some banks will even give you a cash incentive to switch

8. Look around for deals on your bills like gas, electricity and groceries. You can often save a boat-load of cash just by switching to a cheaper supplier

9. Planning ahead does wonders for your bank balance. This applies to weekly meals, nights out and even the odd occasion when you decide to eat out. As often as possible, try to know what you'll be doing and when so you can plan ahead and budget accordingly

That said, don't live like a monk 24/7. It's important to still have fun and do the things you love! Just plan ahead for splurges so you're never left with any nasty surprises on your bank statement.



Jolene Ozstian, Photographer

HOW TO ENJOY NEW YEARS DAY!

Donnovan Hillman, Senior Advisor

It's a New Year! New possibilities, new opportunities and new beginnings are here. Many people see the start of a new year as a fresh start. A chance to go forward with an open mind. However, they also see it as a chance to celebrate the previous year and all its accomplishments. It's well known that New Years Eve is packed with parties and get together's wherever you go, but what about New Years Day?

The official start to a brand-new calendar year doesn't get the amount of hype that New Years Eve does. However, there's still plenty to do on the 1st of January. Whether your recovering from those late-night New Years Eve parties or are getting ready to go to a family feast, New Years Day is often seen as a break. Despite the lack of hype, you can still have an enjoyable and relaxing New Years Day!

January 1st is often a cold, dark and dreary day in Manitoba. That being said you can still have a fantastic time on New Years Day. For many people New Years Day is seen as a day off. A chance to recuperate and prepare for the new year. Perhaps you are still recovering from those New Years Eve festivities. Or perhaps you just need a day to yourself. Either way, relaxation on January 1st has become the norm. Therefore, sleep in and get that much needed shut eye. Kick your feet up for the afternoon and enjoy a refreshing beverage. It also never hurts to turn on Netflix and binge watch your favorite TV show. If sleeping in and watching TV isn't your idea of a relaxing day, there's still plenty that you can do to enjoy your day off. Some people prefer a good novel. There's nothing like kicking your feet back and catching up on a good book. Or strolling through the neighborhood on a nice relaxing walk. Whatever you do

to relax, your sure have an enjoyable, leisure filled New Years Day.

While some people choose to spend January 1st by themselves, others have large family gatherings to attend. Some New Years Day dinners are just as large as the Christmas ones. New Years Day is a chance for family and friends to get together and enjoy that last holiday meal before regular schedules resume. Indeed, most stores and businesses are closed on New Years Day, giving families an opportunity to get together. From turkey and ham to mashed potatoes and stuffing, New Years Day feasts are something to look forward to. Don't forget about those deserts too! All kinds of pies, cakes and cookies dot the dinner table at New Years. No matter how big or small your get together is, your sure to make good memories.

New Years Day is a chance for you to pre-

pare for the New Year. A chance to kick back and relax before all the hustle and bustle begins again. Grab your favorite book or sit back and watch your favorite TV show, whatever allows you to rest up. For some people, however, New Years Day is the

last holiday dinner. A time to see family and catch up with friends. Whatever your New Years Day held for you this year, hopefully it allowed you to recuperate and prepare for the brand new winter semester.

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Answer for Noah's Chess Compositional Masterpiece 2 from Issue 13:

Answer: My intention when I was composing this puzzle was to see how many doublechecks I could get in a row. I managed to get three in a row with this. 1.Nxg6++ (this is the first doublecheck) Kd7 2. Rxd6++ (an alternate checkmate goes 2. pxD8=Q+ Bxd8 3. Rc7++# and if 2...Rxd8 then 3. Rc7++#) 2...Kc8 (2...Kxd6 then 3. Qc6#) then 3. pxd8=Q++# That is three doublechecks in a row.

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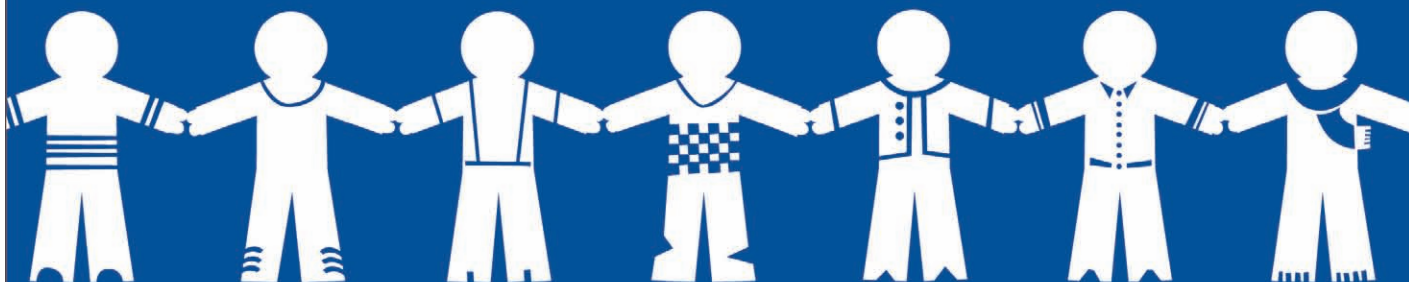


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