

Entertainment

Skydiggers & Waltons Cap Off Winter Carnival

A review and a chat with the Waltons

The Waltons and the Skydiggers came to town on January 16 to cap off the annual winter carnival. Myself, and about four hundred other people were witness to a relatively new band and to an old favorite. The Skydiggers are becoming favorites on campus, having played the locale several times before and building a small following. To the Skydiggers credit, I saw them live at the Aitken Centre earlier in the first semester and they played just as well now as they did then.

The Skydiggers put on a

great show, and judging from the reaction of the crowd are definitely invited back to perform again. I really don't want to dwell too long on the Skydiggers because I really can't add much more to the review I gave them the first time I saw them. What I would like to say more on is the Waltons, who were an interesting surprise.

The Waltons are originally from Regina Saskatchewan, and this is their first visit to the Maritimes. They had just come from a show on Tuesday night at Mount Allison University, and were on their way

to play a gig in St. John.

I had never heard of the Waltons and was not expecting anything of any great value. After discovering that the name of their album was "Lik my Tractor" (pronounce it how you like), I became more suspicious.

To be honest, my objectivity was almost nonexistent when the show started at 9:50, almost an hour late. I don't care to hear anybody telling me that life on the road is an endless hassle or that it is even difficult above the stresses of any other job. The fact that anybody an hour

late for their own jobs would probably lose them is small consolation when you consider that the people they have already shelled out their money and aren't about to leave. This being said, the Student Union should include a mandatory clause in future contracts with performers that they be ready to play at the appointed time or lose part of the gate for every minute they are late. As it was, I was informed that the band was late because they were having something to eat.

The locale itself presented some notes of minor interest. To the idiot who decided to see if he could fly out over the crowd but crash landed into the front row instead, please reserve such attempts to really high rooftops. The Skydiggers might appreciate that. To the alkies dancing in front of the stage, does beer wash out of clothes easy? In your cases I hope it does. Kudos to the Student Union as well for picking a locale with a bar, it was appreciated by many. Only one question—where the hell were the ashtrays?

Aside from tardiness, the Waltons were an excellent band. I really liked the sound of the band. When the band was in full swing they put out music I can only label as prairie rock. The 12 string adds a "fuller" acoustic sound, the drums are heavy and sharp, and the keyboards are very prominent in their songs. The bass was hidden behind the percussion, maybe adding a little less funk than some would have desired. The Waltons were animated and lively while they performed and seemed to have a fairly tight set.

I had a chance to talk with the Waltons after the show and found out many interesting things about this new band.

Q: did you like the crowd, the show...

A: It ruled my planet. Actually for people who had never seen or heard us, it was cool.

Q: How long you been together?

A: Five years

Q: Where are you from?

A: Regina, Saskatchewan

Q: Are you guys Ren and Stimpy fans (question originates on an interesting statement about nose goblins)

A: Happy Happy Joy Joy!!

Q: If your driving home late at night and your putting a tape in the deck what are you playing?

A: Kiss - Revenge, RheoStatics, the drummer listens to Andy Gibb and wants to champion a revival of his music.

Q: What do you think about Moosehead beer? (being from out west they aren't privileged to such things)

A: I really like Moosehead but the teeth are really sharp.

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