

The Other Side of the Picture Meets The Singapore Experience

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It's a beautiful day in university...a beautiful day in university. Won't you be...(Blam. Blam AAIIGHH!). Whew. I thought he'd never shut up. Anyway, as a treat for you the reader. The Other Side Of The Picture presents, this week, The Singapore Experience '92. For all of you who missed this très cool experience (no pun intended). "Ya shoulda been there!" First of all, hats off and applause for everyone involved: you were all a friendly, courteous and lively bunch. (Keep on doin' it in the years to come!). The atmosphere of the entire event was relaxed and outgoing. It was a very pleasant area, and the decor added a nice touch. The food line was already long when I got there, but the wait was well worth it. Some of the exotic dishes were beehon (or bihon): (A noodle dish), tumeric beef (with broccoli and spices), fried rice (speaks

for itself) and samosas (hot, spicy beef and vegetarian). All in all, a rich diversity of food. Then there was the music and entertainment. During the dining part of the Singapore Experience, the music was traditional and pleasant or modern and just as pleasant. As soon as the Fashion Show started, things got jammin'. The music got down to rock 'n roll while the audience was treated to a spectacular view of exotic dress from a culturally diverse Singapore. It spotlighted ethnic clothing from China, Malaysia, India and the Arab Nations.

The models were lively and looked chic in their respective garb. The costumes themselves were a touch of the traditional and the modern, with a variety of colors and textures. (silks and cotton...HHhmm?) Afterwords, came the Lion Dance, a traditional event performed to chase evil spirits away. The Lion was very colourful and a good way to round off the day. Besides all that was said, the Singapore Experience '92 also

provided insight into the cultural diversiveness of Singapore. Pictures, a slide show, computer graphics, a souvenir shop and pamphlets blended the traditional and modern quite well. Student Union Executives were present, and they remarked that the event was a hit. Student Union President Eric Burchill stated that "This (the Singapore Experience '92) is great for the student body... a lot of time and effort was put in it."

So, as the sun sets and another frackin' cold night descends on Fredericton, we bid adieu to a wonderful event which will hopefully appear again next year. The audience really enjoyed themselves, and everyone involved in the Singapore Experience '92 pat yourselves on the back. You all deserve it. Until next week... Haappy trails to youuu, until we... Blam Blam Gasp. Aack!!



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