

FADE IN:

Black. An odd bubbling sound. Then LIGHT emerges from a cauldron of hydrochloric acid and food particles. This is --

SOMEBODY'S STOMACH -- And we are in it!

A strange NOISE, a low "Ahhh" that convulses the stomach and sends us swerving over the sea of secreting stuff into --

A thick layer of MUCUS which we squirm through to --

The STOMACH'S LINING, absorbed into it, then surging into --

SOMEBODY'S ARTERY -- Hurtling along a river of oxygenated blood, slaloming wildly this way and that...

Look out! There's a CAPILLARY ahead, the microvessel opening far too small for us --

Then that odd noise again, a louder, more defined "Ahhhh". At its crescendo, we plunge through the capillary into --

SOMEBODY'S LUNGS -- Whirling, swirling in mid-air through...

BRONCHI AND TRACHEA -- There is that "Ahhhhh" one more time, and as it grows noisier, we go faster up past...

EPIGLOTTIS AND INTO NASAL CAVITY -- Filled with gelatinous goo, then... "AHHHHH-CHOOO!!!" Propelling us out and into...

MID-AIR -- Part of an explosive snot-stream headed toward...

A SURFACE -- Splat! The goo slides down forming mucky words:

"GROSSOLOGY AND YOU"

A HUMAN HAND appears, wiping the snot off the surface --

A MIRROR

Reflected there is the face of the KID, a 7th grade boy, morning hair akimbo, sleepy eyes. Peers at the glop on his fingers. Kid scrunches his face with disgust --

KID

AAAUUUuggg. Gross.

NOREEN

What? Not gross! Grand!

Startled Kid whirls around revealing he's inside --

A BATHROOM -- He's alone. Or so he thinks!

NOREEN (CONT'D)
That booger is a work of art!

KID
Uhhhh?! Who's that?

NOREEN
Well, look in your mouth and see!

Kid stares into --

THE MIRROR -- Opens his mouth, peering into it. Is that something *back* there? Goes into sore-throat-doctor mode...

KID
Uhhh...okay....Ahhhhh--

Suddenly we push into the mirror reflection, Kid yelling --

KID (CONT'D)
AHHHHHHHHHHH! (Cough, cough, cough)

TO BLACK, then --

INSIDE THE KID'S MOUTH

The slick surface of the TONGUE. A spotlight suddenly shines revealing a STAGE. Into the light strides the woman --

NOREEN NEURON, a stimulating persona who finds excitement in everything. Dressed to the nines, she grabs the uvula which shape-shifts into a mic and announcer-bellows into it --

NOREEN
Welcome!

She SNAPS her fingers and --

A MONITOR SCREEN DROPS DOWN -- With Kid's face on it!

KID (V.O.)
What is happening?!?!

NOREEN
By an amalgam of manipulation and magic, I, Noreen Nueron, the brains behind this operation, have brought you here as our guest for...

The entire oral cavity goes bright with dazzling stage lights displaying hundreds of BOUNCING BACTERIA, atop a row of teeth-seats.

DEE JAY "TONSIL" TEE -- Appears upstage, spinning tracks.

The Bacteria bob to the theme song, "Time 4 P.U." underneath a blinking neon sign: "Personal Universe".

NOREEN (CONT'D)

Personal Universe! A televised competition to determine the tippity-top first-place body system! Contestant number one for the immune system... Scabby!

A platform elevates revealing atop it -- SCABBY, a hipper-than-hip female hip-hop star, rapping her theme song:

SCABBY

"I'm da' leader, of da' immunity community! I whack germs all day for body unity. Yeah man!"

Bacteria go wild waving signs like "Immune System, Yo!"

NOREEN

Next for the respiratory system... Boogie!

A second platform rises -- BOOGIE, busting some serious 70s dance moves to her disco theme song under a glitter ball:

BOOGIE

"Respiration is my infatuation, an inspiration for the entire nation."

Bacteria cheer with signs like "We Luv Breathing!"

NOREEN

And our final contestant, representing the digestive system... Flatus!

A third platform ascends -- FLATUS, a tubby heavy metal star wails away on an electric guitar for his theme song:

FLATUS

(guttural grunting)
"Ingestion, rrrff, grrp, digestion, rowll, orkhl, indigestion--"

Flatus ends his song with his signature thunderous fart.

Bacteria scream with signs like "Digestion Wins In The End."

KID (V.O.)

STOP!!!

Silence.

KID (V.O.)

What... am I doing... in your mouth?

NOREEN

Not my mouth, yours! You said the booger on your finger was gross, so...

BOOGIE

Not to sound snotty and all, but gross is in the eye of the beholder.

SCABBY

Now dat you mention it, the respiratory system is disgusting. Hiccups, boogers, sneezes.

FLATUS

Whoa, like immune should talk? Scabs, pimples, boils...

BOOGIE

Please! Digestion with belches, poops and cutting the cheese...

NOREEN

Hmmm...Looks like the game has already begun!

NOREEN (CONT'D)

Let's settle this once and for all! Which body system is the best and brightest? Time! To! Go!

Noreen snaps her fingers and we push up into --

THE THROAT, BLACK, then --

BRAIN STATION

Cranial walls lined with pulsating neurons appear.

NOREEN (CONT'D)

We have entered the most incredible, most amazing, most fantastical virtual reality machine known in the universe - *the human brain*. Here we can access distant memories, visualize new ideas and let our contestants make their case!

Move through the brain

NOREEN (CONT'D)

First up, it's Personal Universe,
immune system style! Scabby, say the
magic words!

SCABBY

P! U! That's our cue! Get ready for
the Immune System! Dis ride's really
sick!

NEURAL ACTIVITY -- Electro-lights speed up, then highlight one
area of the brain wall...

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Remember a couple of months ago when
you were on your bike...

HIGHLIGHTED AREA -- Transforms into a panel with SNAPSHOT #1
of Kid happily riding his bicycle.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

You hit a ditch...

SNAPSHOT #2 -- Kid's bike careens into the ditch, back wheel
lifting off the ground and going airborne.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

And this happened?

SNAPSHOT #3 -- Kid crashed on the ground, bicycle bent, Kid's
jeans torn, and his knee is bloodied.

KID (V.O.)

I scraped my knee big time. There was
a lot of blood.

YOUR BODY -- Close Up: Scraped Knee.

SCABBY

There's more than blood in that knee.
See the skin is like a cake, it has
layers.

EPIDERMIS -- The top layer of the skin.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Epidermis, the top layer which is
actually dead skin.

DERMIS -- The next layer of skin.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Dermis, under the epidermis and alive
with blood vessels, nerves, hair
roots, and new skin cells.

SUBCUTANEOUS -- The third layer of skin.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

And *subcutaneous*, a layer of fat
cells, oil glands, and sweat glands.

POP-UP -- Noreen pops into view.

NOREEN

Fun fact! Your skin is your body's
largest organ!

In the middle appears --

YOUR BODY -- An animatronic human body with a 'crash test
dummy'-like version of Kid's face.

KID (V.O.)

Uh, who's that?

NOREEN

Your Body. Well, not *really* you, but a
version of you. Say hey, Body!

Your Body waves at the camera.

Pop-Out.

SCABBY

Now... let's take a closer look at the
skin you damaged in that bike
accident.

Move through scrape

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Hey, watch out for dirt falling from
the scrape!

Go into blood vessel

SCABBY (CONT'D)

When you scraped your knee, it exposed
damaged blood vessels.

YOUR BODY -- Zoom toward the pooling blood accompanied by
military marching music.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Fortunately the immune system is like a military operation. *Platelets* clump together to form a plug that stops blood from leaking.

PLATELETS -- In action creating a plug at the wound.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Then threads crisscross to form a nifty net.

FIBRIN -- As the crisscrossing net forms.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

The platelets, plug, and fibrin retract, pulling the edges of the wound together.

WOUND -- The retraction process closing the wound.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

When it dries, it creates a scab - your body's defense shield!

SCAB -- Forms on Your Body.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

The skin cells divide and lay down collagen, producing new skin.

UNDER THE SCAB -- Skin reconstruction time.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Then the scab falls off and your skin is healed. The immune system at work! But we ain't done yet. Check it out, my youth!

NEURAL ACTIVITY -- Highlights one area.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

How 'bout a week ago, you looked in the mirror and saw this on your face.

HIGHLIGHTED AREA -- Transforms into a panel with SNAPSHOT #4 of the Kid, a tiny DOT on the tip of his nose.

KID (V.O.)

A pimple. And the next day it grew...

SNAPSHOT #5 -- The pimple is bigger...

SCABBY

And the *next* day, we're talking big,
man!

SNAPSHOT #6 -- A huge honking zit on Kid's nose.

KID (V.O.)

Yeah, my first zit ever!

SCABBY

There's a bunch of stuff on your skin
you can't see. Little hairs, skin
cells, bacteria, pores...

YOUR BODY -- Through a MAGNIFYING GLASS, images of all the
above skin items.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

None of that alone is a problem. But a
combo plate of dead cells, skin oils,
and bacteria is a recipe for *acne!*

YOUR BODY -- Pimples appear on its face, one after another.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Dat's really true for teens 'coz their
body changes so fast, it makes huge
amounts of skin oils, called *sebum*.

YOUR BODY -- Close Up: The creation of a pimple.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

All forms of *acne* start the same way.
Dead skin cells clump together with
sebum, bacteria and bacterial waste.
When white blood cells collect to eat
up the material, dat forms *pus*, and a
pimple is born.

NOREEN (V.O.)

Fun Fact! *Pus* is a yellowish liquid
substance created by white blood cells
feasting, then dying, feasting, then
dying.

Two giant fingers appear and pop the zit, shooting *pus* all
over the screen.

SCABBY

But don't pop your zits! It's
dangerous! And 'dis one, she's gonna
blow!

Zit explodes!

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Sometimes pimples can get infected and turn into an abscess. Basically a big pool of pus.

YOUR BODY -- Accompanied by eerie horror type music, the pimple morphs into a yellowish, greenish pus-filled monster.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

They can show up anywhere. In your ear, your bowel, even your butt.

YOUR BODY -- Abscesses appear in multiple sites.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Then there are boils, pockets of pus trapped deep within the skin.

ABSCESSES -- Transform into boils, seething pockets of fiendish looking skin.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Eventually white blood cells take care of dat infection and the body cleans up the pus.

YOUR BODY -- All the monstrous boils and abscesses shrink and dissolve away with a final eerie squawk. Skin normal.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Helping repair and keep your body safe, dat's the Immune System!

NOREEN

Scabby and his white blood cells start off with a good fight! Now let's all take a moment to heal and we'll be right back with more Personal Universe after these messages!

P.S.A. -- An over-the-top 50s style TV ANNOUNCER intones in baritone --

50S TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Hi There, folks. Big booming voice here, so listen up. You may learn a thing or two. You know those itchy, crusty scabs you get? I'm talking the ones from falling off a tree, or tripping down Memory Lane. You're just dying to pick that thing 'till it falls off, I know. Well DON'T DO IT! Your skin needs time to build that healthy scar tissue.

(MORE)

50S TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.) (CONT'D)
It'll fall off on it's own sooner than
you think so cherish those precious
moments together. (pause)
(contemplative) Ahh, they heel up so
fast these days.

FADE TO BLACK.

Noreen, Scabby and Kid [Monitor] suddenly appear back in --

THE MOUTH STAGE

Noreen with a grand gesture toward Scabby --

NOREEN
Let's hear it for the Immune System!

Scabby takes a bow before buoyant Bacteria.

FLATUS (O.S.)
Uh, hold it.

BOGGIE AND FLATUS -- Not celebrating the moment.

BOOGIE
That whole scab thing? Gag-worthy.

FLATUS
And the pus? Gross-atrocious...Hey...

Everybody whips around toward --

KID -- Wide-eyed and flustered in the monitor

FLATUS (CONT'D)
What'd you think?!?!

NOREEN
What'd you think?!?!

BOOGIE
What'd you think?!?!

SCABBY
What'd you think?!?!

KID (V.O.)
Uh... I thought... well... the immune
system was... uh... pretty cool.

BOOGIE
You thought that was cool? Get ready
to boogie down! P! U! Get a clue!

Go into Respiratory system

NOREEN -- snaps her fingers and we push up into --

THE THROAT, BLACK, then --

BRAIN STATION

Noreen, Kid [Monitor], Boogie appear, Your Body at the ready.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Let's get up close and personal with
the respiratory story starting with...
hiccups!

NEURAL ACTIVITY -- Electro-lights highlight one area...

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Like last week when you were hungry--

HIGHLIGHTED AREA -- Transforms into a panel with SNAPSHOT #7,
an image of a gooey, towering peanut butter, jelly and heaven
knows whatever else ingredients sandwich.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

--you made a super sandwich.

SNAPSHOT #8 -- Kid cramming the entire sandwich into his
engorged mouth.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Then all of a sudden--

SNAPSHOT #9 -- Kid in a variety of time-lapse hiccup poses.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

You picked up hiccups!

YOUR BODY -- Spasms over and over, accompanied by recurring,
lung-busting, and loud hiccups.

NOREEN -- Snaps her fingers and...

YOUR BODY -- Freezes in mid-hiccup. His stomach and lungs
light up for us to see.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

The muscle barrier between the stomach
and lungs is called the *diaphragm*.
It's ultra cool 'coz it works with
your lungs by moving down and making
space for the air you breathe in...

DIAPHRAGM -- Drops down to make a lung vacuum as air sucks in.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

And then moving up to push the air out...

DIAPHRAGM -- Moves up and shoves the air out.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Sometimes the diaphragm and the lungs get out of sync causing hiccups. The "hic" is made by air sucking into your lungs. The "cup" sound is created by a special flap called the *epiglottis* slamming shut and covering your windpipe.

EPIGLOTTIS -- Spotlight on the flap slapping shut.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Hiccups can be caused by lots of things like eating that super sandwich too fast.

POP-UP -- Noreen's grinning mug.

NOREEN

Fun fact! An Iowa farmer named George Osborn had the hiccups for 69 years!

Pop-Out.

KID (V.O.)

Actually I think hiccups are annoying.

BOOGIE

Alright then. Enough with the hiccups. Let's talk about something slimier!

NEURAL ACTIVITY -- Electro-lights highlight one area.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Remember just this morning, when a certain young fellow...

HIGHLIGHTED AREA -- Transforms into a panel with SNAPSHOT #10, an image of Kid staring at snot-covered bathroom mirror.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

...had sneezed some gloppy goop...

SNAPSHOT #11 -- Kid dips his fingertip into the slimy snot.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

...onto his fingertips?

SNAPSHOT #12 -- Kid staring wide-eyed at snot on fingertip.

KID (V.O.)

At least I didn't pick my nose...this time.

BOOGIE

A good thing you didn't, because that's where we're disco diving!

YOUR BODY -- We ZOOM into...

THE NOSE -- Walls lined with viscous glop.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

The skin inside your nose is coated with mucus, a mixture of mucins, water and salts, commonly referred to as snot.

NOREEN (V.O.)

Fun fact! Snot is normally clear but can turn different colors when you're sick - even neon yellow or green.

NASAL OPENING -- Stuff flowing in, one breath after another.

BOOGIE

You breathe in air filled with dust, smoke, grit and germs. One job of the nose? Filter out that stuff.

NASAL HAIRS -- Collecting various bits of airborne detritus.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

Nose hairs and mucus act like air cleaners to trap bits of dirt.

MUCUS -- Surrounds this and that piece of nasal pollution.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)

The trapped stuff clumps together little by little to form boogers.

BOOGERS -- Look like small garbage bags.

KID (V.O.)

So when you blow your nose, basically you're taking out the garbage.

BOOGIE

Bingo, Kid! But if you catch a cold, you know what's coming!

KID (V.O.)
A snot rocket!

BOOGIE
Right again!

NASAL CAVITY -- Starts to rumble.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
You see, there's these teeny tiny
little hairs called *cilia*, that act...

CILIA -- In action.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
...like a mucus escalator to move
dirty snot to the back of your throat.
A sneeze occurs when those cilia are
unable to move all the goo.

POP-UP -- Noreen frantic face.

NOREEN
Fun fact! Did you know you swallow
over a liter of mucus each day?

Pop-Out.

BOOGIE
Cilia are super sensitive, and if they
get disturbed, they notify nerves...

NEURONS -- Light up.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
...which in turn alert...

NEURAL NETWORK -- We whip along at hyperspeed.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
...the sneeze center in the brain.

SNEEZE CENTER -- With a gauge that goes from left to right:
Static. Itchy. Twitchy. Launch. Over the following dialogue,
the needle lurches to the right...

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
When you're about to sneeze...

YOUR BODY -- Close Up: Its face.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
...the brain tells you to stop
breathing normally...

Your Body stops breathing...

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
...suck in air...

Your Body sucks in air and opens its mouth...

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
...and blasts it out through your nose
and mouth!

We ZOOM INTO --

THE NASAL CAVITY -- Your Body sucks in a big breath.

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
The force of the air will blast out
whatever is bugging the cilia!

Move through nose.

SNEEZE -- Much of the gook in the nasal cavity propels out
through the nose. And with it --

BOOGIE (CONT'D)
That's the Respiratory System - it
lets in air and keeps everything else
out.

NOREEN
Well you sure cleared that up. Let's
all take a deep breath and we'll be
right back with more Personal Universe
after these messages!

THE MONITOR -- Kid gets whooshed aside replaced by --

P.S.A. --

50S TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)
I'm back, people. And I've got two
words for you. Proper. And. Hygiene.
Take a note. Number one. Don't release
millions of nasty germs into the air
when you sneeze. Cover it up! Two.
Don't just put your hand over your
mouth. Three - let's skip that one.
Four - and here's the big one - stuff
that sniffer in your elbow and blast
away! Achoo! (off mic) Hey, get that
cat out of here!

FADE TO BLACK.

Noreen, Boogie and Kid [Monitor] suddenly appear back in --

THE MOUTH STAGE

Noreen with a wired wave toward Boogie.

NOREEN

Give it up for the Respiratory System!

Booger busts a disco move before braying Bacteria.

SCABBY (O.S.)

Whoa, whoa, whoa! Not so fast.

FLATUS AND SCABBY -- Arms crossed, unimpressed faces.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

To be sneezy is sleazy.

FLATUS

And boogers? Gross-A-Palooza.

BOOGIE

You think you can top me?

FLATUS

No doubt. 'Coz I'm S.B.D. -- Simply
Better, Dude. P! U! Time for poo!

FLATUS (CONT'D)

Hold on to your breakfast and get
ready for the Digestive System!

Noreen snaps her fingers and we push up into --

THE THROAT, BLACK, then --

BRAIN STATION

Noreen, Kid [Monitor] and Flatus appear.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

Whoa! So, Kid, yesterday afternoon...

NEURAL ACTIVITY -- Electro-lights highlight one area...

FLATUS (CONT'D)

...after practice...

HIGHLIGHTED AREA -- Transforms into a panel with SNAPSHOT
IMAGE #13, Kid in a sweaty soccer uniform.

FLATUS (CONT'D)
...you totally gulped down...

KID (V.O.)
A soda!

SNAPSHOT #14 -- Kid chugging a 32 ounce drink.

FLATUS
Yeah, dude! ...and then you...

SNAPSHOTS #15 -- Kid in mid-belch, lifting him off the ground.
Accompanied by the sound of a booming burp.

FLATUS (CONT'D)
That was me, dude! Digestion in
action!

YOUR BODY -- Torso lights up with a circle-like window
revealing its stomach.

FLATUS (CONT'D)
The stomach connects with one end to
your esophagus which reaches up to
your throat.

YOUR BODY -- Illuminates esophagus and throat.

FLATUS (CONT'D)
A stomach is like a balloon, expanding
as food, liquid and air enter.

STOMACH -- As food and liquid enter, the sac expands...

FLATUS (CONT'D)
When the stomach digests, it adds acid
to the foods and creates gas of its
own. And when your stomach builds up
too much gas, whoa dude, watch out!

YOUR BODY -- Stomach stretched, lets go with a long belch.

POP-UP -- Noreen's manic mug.

NOREEN
Fun fact! Everyone burps, on average
15 times per day!

Pop-Out.

FLATUS
But what goes up... must come down!

YOUR BODY -- The circle window reappears on the torso revealing its esophagus, stomach, and intestines.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

When you eat something, it goes down your throat.

And down the esophagus.

Then into your stomach.

YOUR BODY -- Food traveling down esophagus into the stomach.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

Food gets broken down and mixed there. Then the stomach dumps mashed up food known as *chyme* into the gut tubes that wind around and around and around.

GUT TUBES -- Both small and large intestine illuminated.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

These are your small intestine and large intestine. The intestines contain friendly bacteria that help you digest food.

SMALL INTESTINE -- Food moves into it.

NOREEN

Fun Fact: There are more bacteria in human digestive system than all the people that have ever lived on Earth!

FLATUS

After the small intestines suck out nutrients, enabling us to get energy and grow, this guy squeezes what's left into the large intestine.

LARGE INTESTINE -- Chyme works its way down.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

This gut tube sucks water out of the used-up meal turning what you've eaten into a wicked cool waste product -- poop. It's a putty-like material containing undigested food, salts, dead cells, water, pigment, and tons of bacteria.

INTESTINES -- Animated poop freight trains.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

Think of it like a log flume ride and your poops are the logs. Get it, dude!? Logs! Ha ha. A new log comes along and bumps the last log off the end.

POOP FREIGHT TRAINS -- Bumping into one another.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

The last eight inches is the *rectum*. That's where poop is stored before it goes out the *anus*. When poop fills the rectum, messages sent to your brain tell you it's time to go.

ANUS -- Logs pushing to move forward.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

The muscles in your rectum shorten, increasing the pressure, your anus opens, and you drop a log!

FLATUS -- Assumes a professorial stance.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

Sometimes what comes out isn't poop, but more of a... shall we say... *airy* formula. What we in the trade refer to as a poot... a toot... or a booty bomb.

NOREEN (V.O.)

Fun fact! The medical term is *flatulence* from the Latin word for "blowing."

KID (V.O.)

You mean farts!

FLATUS

Although we can let one fly easy enough, making a fart is actually quite a process.

DIGESTION CONVEYOR BELT -- The process in fast motion.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

It all starts back in the large intestine...

THE LARGE INTESTINE -- Filled with undigested food items.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

This is Fart Central, home to billions of friendly bacteria.

BACTERIA -- Greedily eyeing the undigested food.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

Those bits of undigested food are breakfast, lunch and dinner for these gut critters. And just like you make waste after you eat, so do bacteria.

BACTERIA -- Chowing down on undigested food items.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

And as they eat, they fart inside you, creating gasses like hydrogen sulfide which smells like bad eggs.

POP-UP -- Noreen's vociferous visage.

NOREEN

Fun fact. On average, you fart about 14 times per day, producing up to half a gallon of gas.

Pop-Out.

KID (V.O.)

So wait. I'm a storage container for bacteria that fart inside me?

FLATUS

The truth stinks, Kid, huh? And as gas builds inside your large intestine, and the pressure gets too great...

FLATULENT GAS CLOUD -- Growing... and growing...

FLATUS (CONT'D)

It's flutterblast time!

YOUR BODY -- Lets go with a fart, a green gasser billowing from its backside.

FLATUS (CONT'D)

LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, "YOU CAN'T CONTAIN US, SO OUT YOUR ANUS!"

FLATUS (CONT'D)

The Digestive System, dude - doing gnarly things to all the munchies and tasty beverages you eat and drink!

The green cloud passes by --

FADE TO BLACK.

Noreen, Flatus and Kid [Monitor] suddenly appear back in --

THE MOUTH STAGE

Noreen with a nifty nod toward Flatus.

NOREEN

How about the Digestive System!

The Bacteria audience goes crazy while Flatus knocks out power chords on his guitar.

SCABBY (O.S.)

HEY, YO!

SCABBY AND BOOGIE -- Clothespins clamped across their noses.

SCABBY (CONT'D)

Farts?? Ya' smell up da' joint.

BOOGIE

And poop? Gross-O-Rama.

NOREEN

Well... all the contestants seem to have an opinion! And now that we've visited all the cracks and crevices inside the body, it's time for you to decide. Which one is the most valuable body system? Is it Immune!?

Scabby hip-hops, egging on the cheering Bacteria.

NOREEN (CONT'D)

Respiratory?!

Boogie jumps in front of Scabby and discos down one last time for the Bacteria who scream in adulation.

NOREEN (CONT'D)

Or Digestion!?

Flatus hip checks Scabby and Boogie aside, eliciting shouts from his Bacteria fans.

SERIES OF SHOTS -- Noreen, Crowd, Boogie, Crowd, Dee Jay "Tonsil" Tee, Scabby, Crowd, Flatus, Crowd, cheers and signs, "Immune... Digestion... Respiration."

Suddenly the cacophony silenced by a piercing whistle.

KID -- Two fingers in his mouth from whistling, then...

KID (V.O.)
The thing is... all three of you are important. Scabby, the immune system heals my wounds and defends my health.

Humbled by the praise, Scabby paws the ground with her foot.

KID (V.O.)
Boogie, the respiratory system controls my breathing and filters out yucky things from getting inside me.

Boogie shrugs sheepishly, cheeks beet red at Kid's kind words.

KID (V.O.)
And Flatus, the digestive system transforms food into nutrition and processes waste matter.

Flatus with tears of joy, farting and crying.

KID (V.O.)
All three of you work together in my body. I couldn't live without any of you. So here's what I suggest.

Kid inaudibly whispers something into Noreen's ear.

KID (V.O.)
<<Noreen, I think every one of my systems is important. All of them should win!>>

A big smile crosses Noreen's face. Then gazing straight out at us--

NOREEN
Ahhhh, OK! Hey - we'll be right back after this important announcement.

THE MONITOR -- Kid's image dissolves replaced by...

P.S.A. --

50S TV ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

Look. It's time to get some facts straight. You're not going to stay healthy sitting on your keister, watching the ball game, or wishing you hadn't bought that 24 foot yacht. When the show is over, I want you outside. Go. Run around. Breathe in that fresh, clean air. How else will you keep those body systems working at peak performance? Magic?

Not unless your name is Merlin. Merlin the Wizard. Nice try, Merlin. <<Merlin: Bummer!>> Exercise, people!

FADE TO BLACK.

MOUTH STAGE -- Under the glittering neon sign proclaiming "Personal Universe," Noreen addresses the crowd as Dee Jay "Tonsil" Tee plays a drum roll.

NOREEN

We're back to find out the winner of
of Personal Universe!

NOREEN (CONT'D)

Here we are. The moment you've all
been waiting for. And the most
valuable body system is...

Drumroll...THE 1ST PLACE TIER raising from the ground -- There are Scabby, Boogie and Flatus, jammed together, a single gold medal draped around their necks, binding them together.

NOREEN (CONT'D)

All of them! The immune, respiratory
and digestive systems all have to work
together to give you a healthy body!
They all win!

Then *riiiiiip!!!* A noxious fart.

SCABBY

Hey! Who let go with the air biscuit?

FLATUS

Don't look at me!

BOOGIE

Diiissssgusting!

NOREEN

Thanks for watching and until next
time remember, it's your... (with
audience) Personal Universe!

FLATUS

Personal Universe!

KID

Personal Universe!

BOOGIE

Personal Universe!

SCABBY
Personal Universe!

As the three argue and struggle on the stand, we PULL BACK...

KID'S BATHROOM - THE MIRROR

Exactly where we left it. Kid with his mouth wide open, staring into the back of his throat. The distant echo of crowd cheers, Dee Jay "Tonsil" Tee music, Flatus, Scabby, and Boogie's voices fade to silence as he closes his mouth. Then --

Kid blinks. Spots the BOOGER. Still on his fingertip. Smiles.

KID
Huh...It's *still* gross... but cool.

He flicks the booger which comes flying directly at us and...

SPLAT! Across the screen, then dribbles into the words:

"GROSSOLOGY AND YOU"

FADE OUT.