



Senior girls volleyball courts victory in Vegas

Jennifer Lee and Aileen Choi - staff reporters

The senior girls' volleyball team from Riverside Secondary School competed in a tournament in Las Vegas on September 23. Although in previous years the team has gone on a trip to Edmonton, this exceptional opportunity presented itself and the team took advantage of it. The trip to Vegas was an opportunity for the girls to play the best teams from the United States of America, while exposing them to higher levels of competition and gameplay.

The girls had to go through a round of tryouts to be selected to go on the trip. Twelve highly skilled players were chosen. Out of the province of British Columbia, Seaquam



The Riverside Senior girls volleyball team poses in Las Vegas.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Bryan Gee

Secondary School in North Delta was the only other school to be a part of this tournament. The

team and coaches got to experience Las Vegas first hand by visiting the Hoover Dam, going on roller

coasters, and of course, shopping.

"Vegas was one of the best experiences. I loved it and

would recommended doing it again," said head coach, Mr. Bryan Gee. The girls on the team had good things to

say as well. "It was really fun. I loved the weather; it was so sunny and hot. I especially liked nighttime because of all the lights everywhere," said Gabby Fortin. She also enjoyed the competition in the games because it made them play their hardest.

Although the team did not win any games, the players felt as if they played their best and worked more as a team because of the competitive American teams.

"The other teams brought out the best player in all of us," said Fortin.

All in all, the trip allowed the whole team to bond, to expand their game techniques and to gain experience with other teams outside of British Columbia.

"I would do the trip all over again in a heartbeat!" said Gee.

School dances are a privilege, not a right

Miriam Weber and Christina Garfalo - staff reporters

Dances have been a tradition at schools but this might change because of the questionable behavior on the part of some students who do not want to cooperate with the rules and expectations of behavior.

If students want dances to continue they are going to have to give an effort to actually follow the rules. Some of the problems in the past have been inappropriate dancing and students under the influence of drugs and alcohol.



Dances: then and now. We need a compromise!

"I've been puked on before," said Principal Scott Robinson. Robinson and many of the other teachers, who volunteer their time, don't want to have to police the

students anymore. It was also noted that safety can be an issue, especially with somewhat naïve, perhaps overly eager to fit in grade nine girls who find themselves in



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the middle of what could be called an overly sexually charged dance," said Robinson. In an effort to save the dances at Riverside, a committee was formed of five

parents, three teachers, three students and one administrator. The committee has come up with a few possible solutions. Solution number one is to just leave the dances the way they are, but that wouldn't solve anything. Solution number two is to split the dances into two groups, 9/10's and 11/12's. Solution number three is to increase the security and to allow parents to come to the dances. Solution number four is to get students to sign a behavior expectation sheet. Solution number five is to be organized with contests and games.

YWCA women's mentorship program going strong

Rachelle Lim - staff reporter

For the eighth year in a row, Riverside in conjunction with the YWCA has offered the High School Mentorship Program to grade 11 and 12 girls. Janice Lee is the manager of the program and Ms. Beth Davis is the career resource liaison who coordinates the program within the school.

Female students are matched with professional women who best suit the student's ideal careers. Students meet with their mentors from November to June. Arrangements are set on their own time outside of school where they meet and plan out their activities together, whether it may be going out for a cup of coffee or taking a tour around a

university or college. These students are also privileged to attend the work sites and experience the professional's typical work day and environment.

"Students have to want to do it and have an open mind to learn new things and take risks," said Lee. "It's a great opportunity to help students explore their career and education planning."

Jelena Vatauk, who is participating in the mentorship program, says she is looking forward to a career in the medical field; she hopes to be matched with a registered nurse.

"I think this mentorship program will give me a good outlook because I have someone to relate to who has gone through the steps," said Vatauk.



Jelena Vatauk and YWCA rep, Janice Lee.

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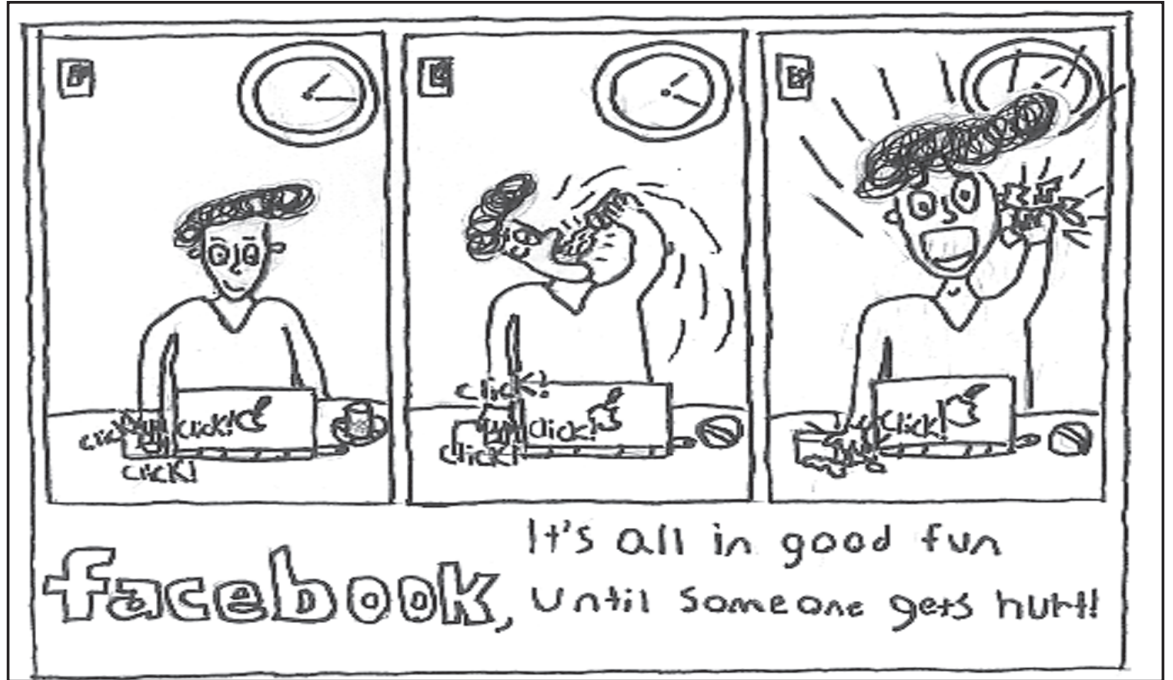


Facebook friends or 'frenemies'

Kirk Iverson - staff reporter

Facebook and some of its users have gone too far. Despite recent efforts to provide users with enhanced security and privacy settings, the site is cluttered with "internet crime." Cyber bullying and similar acts have gone much, much too far. Recently a memorial page set up for the 15 year old girl **Laura Szendrei**, a girl beat to death in a Delta park, was defiled with internet content such as pornographic links and photos, and nasty comments saying that she deserved to get killed. The question is why? What compels someone to desecrate a memorial for friends and family to mourn through? What pushes someone to make such a heinous remark as "She deserved to die." Once upon a time our generation was thought to be capable of utilizing social networking and all the amazing tools we're given for beneficial purposes and general communication, and this may very well be true, but these acts are cause for concern. What morphs a website initially designed to share notes with classmates into a place to talk "smack" about dead 15 year old girls or post humiliating photos of a rape victim? The internet allows for anyone to sit comfortably in front of their keyboard and say cruel and hurtful things to anyone they choose, and that's wrong! Another example, in 2006 **Lori Drew** was charged under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act after she bullied one of her daughter's friends, **Megan Meier**, after they had a falling out. **Ms. Drew** and several others created a fake MySpace account, pretending to be a boy named **Josh Evans**. After the fictitious 16 year old boy ended the virtual relationship with Megan she took her own life. She hung herself after receiving several cruel messages including one that said the world would be better off without her. These cruel acts prompt us to question not only the morality issues of the youth of today, but also the "more mature" generation of yesterday. Most people use Facebook respectfully; however, when it becomes a tool to bully harass or desecrate memorial sites stricter filters need to be in place. The freedom of speech argument does not hold when so much damage is being done to so many. One might wonder how **Marc Zuckerberg**, the originator of Facebook, feels how the website is now being utilized; perhaps guilt prompted him to make his recent 100 million dollar donation to the Newark, New Jersey schools system. So whether or not it's sexually explicit material, cyber bullying or any other form of illegal activity why is there no mandatory filter on the internet? Pornographic content and other vulgar material isn't completely uncommon on Facebook, and is often posted in groups or pages, as spam, one offence is enough, perhaps a system could be implemented that prevents that user from uploading pictures, but would a filter simple as this suffice? Shouldn't there be rules or laws to keep the online world safer? Some would argue that it's freedom of speech, but shouldn't it be the case that common sense prevails and that in some situations censorship serves its purpose! That's just our opinion though; it's up to you to decide.

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POINT COUNTER POINT

Common sense needed at Raves



Kaitlyn Anderson
Columnist

In today's day and age there are many ways for teenagers to express themselves, yet many teens are choosing illegal activities to do so. Raves and house parties are some of the places where it is easy to make poor choices or feel pressured to do things you wouldn't normally do. Of course, this doesn't mean that you should refrain from going to them, just stay safe. In the end, it's always the individuals' choice to participate in whatever activities they choose. Raves have been around for many

years, though they have changed significantly over time. In previous years they were greatly frowned upon; some places even banned them. Eventually they were more accepted because security at paid organized events got a lot better. This included searches for not only alcohol and the drugs of choice at such events (Ecstasy and Acid) but the paraphernalia of the drug use itself.

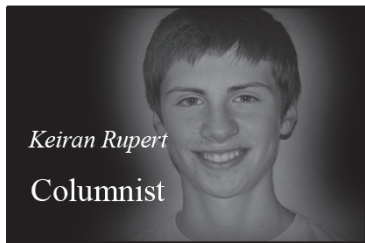
If you choose to participate in going to Raves or other similar things, just be careful. You can still have a good time without using drugs or alcohol. Another thing that you need to be cautious about is your drink. The common line of 'don't leave your drink unattended' and of course 'watch your drink' is repeated over and over because it is one of the most important things a person can do

to easily avoid getting taken advantage of.

Common sense can go a long ways when you're at a Rave. If you feel unsafe, leave. You shouldn't ever feel forced to stay somewhere, and if you don't feel comfortable there is no shame in leaving. If you do choose to go to one of these events, make sure you're choosing safe venues. If tickets are being sold through Ticketmaster, there is usually good security. In the end, it's not that you shouldn't go to these events, just be careful.

If you choose do the stuff you wouldn't normally do, be aware that there are sometimes consequences. Don't become a Facebook statistic and regret photos that may be posted. Remember, raves aren't meant for drug use, or abusing others; they're meant for cool lights, dancing and music.

Raves should be avoided



Keiran Rupert
Columnist

It's never a good idea to go to a Rave where there will be drugs or alcohol and consequently intoxicated strangers, but it's an even worse idea to go when you're a vulnerable teenager. There are reasons for the bad reputation that Raves get. At these parties, teens are pressured to put themselves and others at risk through consuming drugs and alcohol and they often end badly. In Squamish, B.C. in 1997, Bob McIntosh was killed when he left his house to check on a loud, unsupervised teen Rave

down the block. McIntosh, a father of two, was attacked by an intoxicated young man attending the party. His murder wasn't planned. It was a result of the rowdy manner of the party and the alcohol that drove McIntosh's killer to punch and kick him to death. McIntosh ultimately died because of an out-of-control teenage party and some bad choices made by some kids. There are many more examples of Raves that resulted in rape, injury or death. Last year a teenager collapsed at a Rave at West Edmonton Mall. In late June, a 15-year-old girl died of an ecstasy overdose attending a crowded Rave at the L.A. Coliseum in California. In September a teenage girl was drugged and gang raped at a Rave in Pitt Meadows. This could have all been prevented if

these teens had been more careful and stayed away from these parties. Now, Raves are more dangerous than ever with social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter making it so easy for people to post pictures of what you do and gossip about it. There's a good chance that if you do something inappropriate at a Rave, your parents, your teachers, your peers or your future employer will see a picture of you at a Rave. You can take precautions in order to stay safe at Raves like planning to stay with a group of friends and having a safe ride, but it's easy to get separated from your friends when there are so many people around you. You can watch your drink, so that nobody drugs you, but should you really have to? Why put yourself in an unsafe situation? Why take an unnecessary risk?

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School culture at Riverside

September brings all sorts of new start-up activities at Riverside!

Livia Turnbull
- staff reporter

Building a good school culture is important and this year, Riverside is already off to a great start. The transition from middle school to high school can be scary, so events were organized to make sure new students feel welcome. One of these events was the family barbeque, which was, according to Principal Robinson, "a great opportunity for the parents to meet the teachers and see where their child spends their day." The Terry Fox Run was a good way to establish some hometown pride, as evidenced in the top donators. 1st place was Trevor Price at \$655, 2nd place was Stuart Knight at \$600, 3rd place was Breanne Smith at \$321 and 4th place was Danielle Gramm at \$150. The first place



Left: Top Donators for Terry Fox Run. From Left to Right: Stuart Knight, Breanne Smith, Danielle Gramm, Trevor Price.



Right: Students from the Guitar Club during Club Day.

were Nick MacDonald and Danna Briscoe. Another event was the Quest for the Golden Cupcake, where every Grade Nine student gets a free cupcake. Whoever had a golden sticker on the bottom of the cupcake was the winner of a prize. The winner for that contest was Savannah Maxwell. Gift certificates were awarded to all the winners. Finally, students were offered a chance to join clubs on September 22nd and Riverside had a few new ones this year. One of the new clubs is the Curling club, led by Mr. Romani, and the Guitar Club is led by Mr. Ahmelich, one of the student counselors. As you can see, there are lots of opportunities to have fun and get involved at Riverside, so join a club or sports team today! Everyone is welcome no matter when you decide to join.

winner was Justin Exley, 2nd place was Dominic Brazinha. The top female runner was Sarah Raggett. Riverside also had a Terry Fox Draw Prize. The winners of that

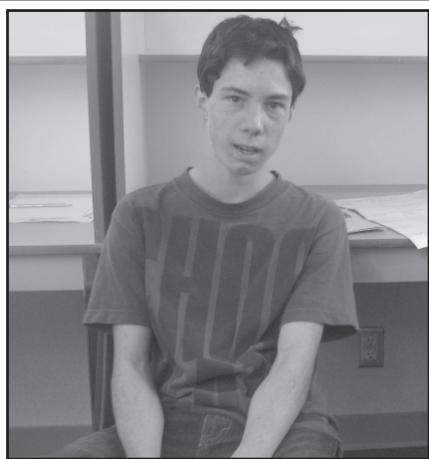
The eddy staff talks to students about the beginning of the year

John Sandova
Grade 9

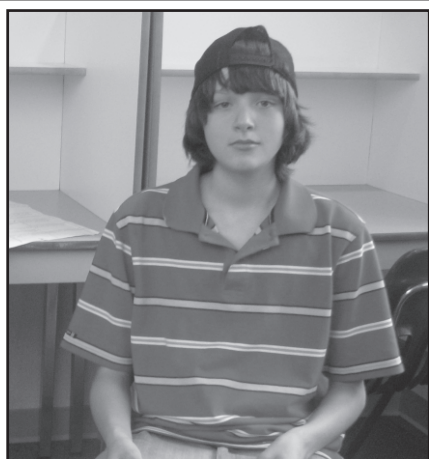
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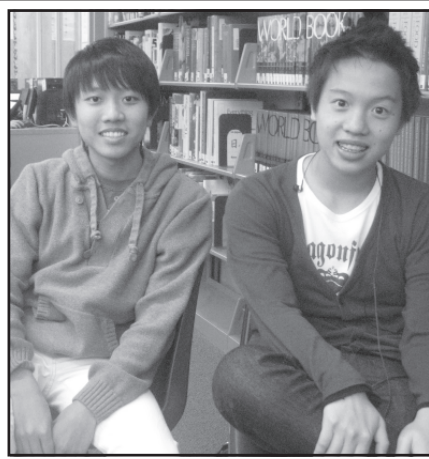
Emily Chan
Grade 12



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Q: What's the biggest difference between this year and your last year?
A: Being in such a big school, I'm getting used to finding my classes.
Q: Best advice you got to survive this school year?
A: Always have your homework ready, keep on task as much as you can.
Q: What are you looking forward to in a year from now?
A: Being in Grade 10, knowing where everything else, getting closer to grad.

Q: What's the biggest difference between this year and your last year?
A: I know the school and most of the teachers, and I don't get lost as much.
Q: Best advice you got to survive this school year?
A: To always stay on track, and always do your homework.
Q: What are you looking forward to in a year from now?
A: Being able to do more in Grade 11, and looking forward to graduation.

Q: What's the biggest difference between this year and your last year?
A: Courses are much harder than last year, and I advise people not to take Bio 11, it's very hard.
Q: Best advice you got to survive this school year?
A: Study hard, and don't do drugs.
Q: What are you looking forward to in a year from now?
A: It's going to be my senior year which means grad and post secondary.

Q: What's the biggest difference between this year and your last year?
A: Everything that happens at highschool is going to be "the last time".
Q: Best advice you got to survive this school year?
A: The best advice I got for surviving this school year is to enjoy the small things.
Q: What are you looking forward to in a year from now?
A: I look forward to being a journalism student at university.

Several new additions to Riverside

Tiana Muskego- staff reporters
A new year at Riverside means new students, new smiles, and of course, new teachers. You'd think that someone coming to Riverside for the first time would be nervous and worried about the students and staff, but not our new teachers. When asked about his experience as a new teacher at Riverside last year, Mr.Thies had this to say, "Absolutely not! I wasn't nervous at all." Riverside's new teachers agreed that they felt very comfortable during their first month here. "The staff has been very welcoming and I love the students," said Mr.Shellenberg. There is one teacher in particular, who has a unique teaching

experience, and teaches morning classes for kindergarten at Castle Park Elementary. "It's nice to teach something different for a change," said Ms.Minhas. Good luck teachers.= We're glad to have you!



Left to right. Front row: Ms. Paziuk, Ms. Do. Middle: Mr. Chan, Ms. Kadhim, Mr. Thies. Top: Ms. Jackson, Mr. Schellenberg, and Mr. Manhas.

Sudoku

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Hockey academy starts its second year at R'side

Jesse Frempong - staff reporter

After a successful first year at Riverside Secondary, the Hockey Academy is up and skating. There have been several changes this year. "We have one grade ten class, but added a grade eleven advanced class for the players who are more experienced and feel like growing stronger in hockey, but over all there are not too many changes that were made from last year's academy," said Mr. Luongo.

One change that occurred in the academy is the everyday process for the players when getting on the ice. It goes much more smoothly and the players are getting more accomplished. "After a year with the academy, I've noticed an improvement in my play. Last year I played in the A2 division, but now have moved up to A1," said senior player Travis Tookey.

The academy has much training to offer for hockey players such as: individual skills, team concepts, full fitness off of the ice (dry land training - for example, last week's Grouse Grind trip), and nutrition. The mental and psychological



The hockey academy students posing for a picture before starting the Grouse Grind.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Straumford

aspects of the game are also explored via a mind coach.

Megan Bradford, who is one out of the three female students in the hockey academy states, "It's not a big difference being a girl; it's actually a lot easier to improve

playing with the guys. But at the same time it can get difficult for us being girls. I would like to use my hockey academy experiences to get into post-secondary school with a scholarship for the game I love most."

In the grade eleven advanced class, the students have to do ten hours of community service. One up-coming opportunity is to do a fundraiser to help young children to participate in hockey. On October 22, the grade eleven

students are hosting a 3 on 3 tournament for young kids to get them more involved.

The hockey academy has been, and is a success at Riverside Secondary. Hopefully, this will continue in the upcoming years.

Senior boys set off with a volley



The boys volleyball team strikes a pose.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Muro

Jakob Perrault - staff reporter

The senior boys volleyball team has done well this beginning of the year. They are placed in first in the

Triple A division and still have more games to play. Let's see if the team can keep it up!

The team is made up of 11

players: three grade elevens and eight grade twelves. "Most of the players have played since grade 6," said Mr. Muro. "They also went to the volleyball clubs outside of school during the summer." The two players who stand out the most are # 5 Victor Zych, the power hitter and #7 Liam Brett, the setter. The team has played two tournaments so far, one of which was a victory. However, in the second tournament they lost one game to M.E.I. which put them into second. Right now Riverside is in the lead in the Triple A's, with more opportunities for victory ahead. The team's next game is against Charles Best on October 7 at 6:30pm. Don't miss out!

Injuries hurting senior soccer team

Mitchell Stewart - staff reporter

The Riverside Secondary Senior Boys Soccer Team has had a lackluster season so far, winning just twice in their first seven games. There are a few problems that are contributing to the reason they are not winning: the lack of commitment, injuries, or perhaps the caliber of the team is just not where it needs to be.

A series of injuries has been plaguing the soccer team as six players were missing in action during their game on Tuesday, October 5. One of the captains of the team, Callum Beales, has missed the last two games due to injury. "The injury bug has definitely hurt us this season, making it tougher and tougher for us to win on Tuesdays and Thursdays," said Juan Castro, a defenseman on the team.

The team is now seven games into the season and has just two wins. Their best achievement was the big win over Terry Fox's team on a rainy Thursday, September 16. "The win over Fox was a big lift for us, but the injuries have really stopped our momentum now," said Castro. The team also beat Pinetree 5-1 on Tuesday, October 12. Riverside has just one game left against Charles Best which will be played on Thursday the 14th of October, on Gates Turf at 3:30 pm. This game will be key if Riverside wants to make the Fraser Valley Championships.

Hopes are high on the pitch

Ivy Malinowski - staff reporter

It's another year at Riverside for the girls' field hockey team. Coaches Ms. Blaxland and Ms. Hudon are having the girls practice at least once or twice a week, usually depending on the frequency of their games. They've played five games so far, and unfortunately haven't won any yet. Their team ranges from grade nines to grade twelves. Last year's team didn't have any grade



Emma Hlagi (left) goes after the ball.

I. Malinowsky/eddy

twelves, so luckily they didn't lose any strong players this year. They've gained two strong defense

the team. Their previous games have been played at Riverside's Gates Park. They've already played against Centennial, Port Moody, Charles Best, Bye and Maple Ridge; they'll be playing against Heritage Woods tomorrow. If the Rapids win the next game, they'll make it to playoffs. If they win there, they'll make it to the Senior AAA Fraser Valleys in Cloverdale/Newton to compete against the other top competitors. Let's wish them all good luck!

players, Heather Poussard, and Megan Pelletier. They're just two of the six players that are new to

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