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Terry Fox Run set for tomorrow morning

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staff reporters

Even though it is a month late Gleneagle will be having a Terry Fox Run tomorrow Friday October 8.

The Leadership class, who is organising the run, accounts the late start of the run to timing problems. The fact the actual Terry Fox run takes place just as school starts, making it impossible for students to meet as classes have not been finalised.

"We would have like to have it at the proper time but unfortunately with people changing in and out of classes it was really hard to get people organized. The grade 9 assemblies took up a lot of time as well," said **Doran Turner**, grade 12 Leadership student.

An attempt to encourage school spirit was a key reason to have the belated run. "Every school has one so we have to have one too. We want to show that Gleneagle is participating in the community," said Turner.

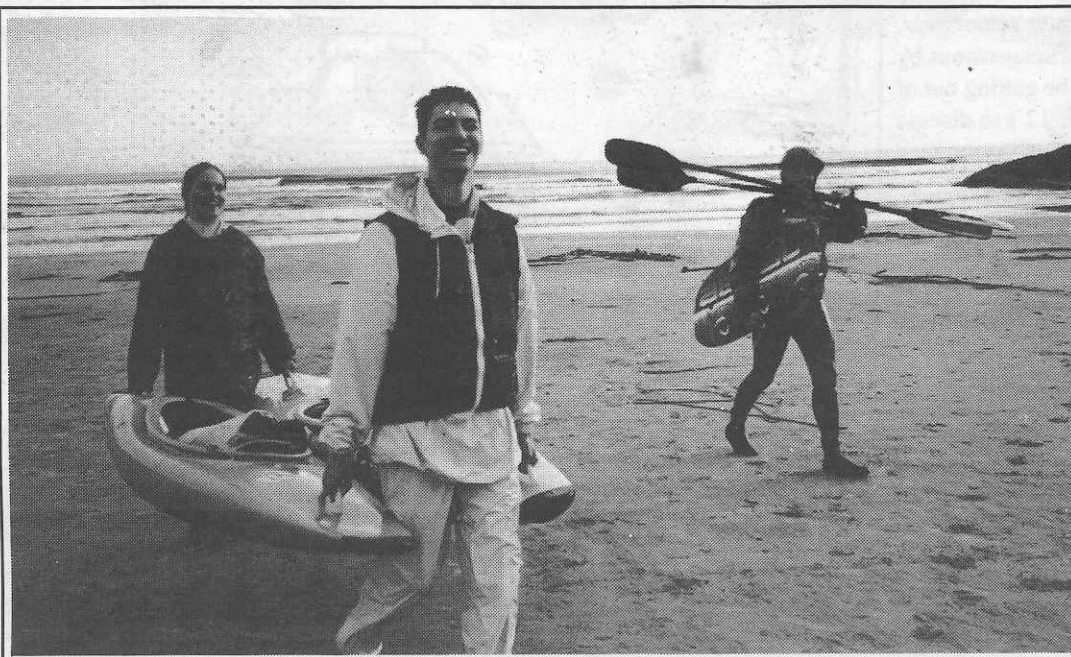
The goal of the run is to raise at least a dollar for every runner. They would like to raise \$2000 in Terry's memory. The money should be given to block A teachers. Donations should also be at least one dollar.

According to **Sonia Babbini**, grade 12, "A reward of a pizza lunch will be offered to the class that collects the most."

To begin the run, students should attend block C where their attendance will be taken, then classes will be called down to the gym by **Dennis Secret**, vice principal.

From there the course will carry along Guildford, down to the Fire Station, on to the bike path to Rocky Point Pier, and the the runners will return to the school.

Should it happen to rain on Friday the run will be postponed until the following Tuesday. If the weather is still poor on the Tuesday the run will be cancelled all together.



Packing kayaks: home from a day on the ocean, Jeff Stevens, grade 11, and Erin O'Melinn, grade 11, cart kayaks back from the beach at Long Beach during last weekend's Outdoors Club trip.

Twenty adventurers hit Long Beach

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staff reporter

Nearly twenty Gleneagle students returned from a three day trip of canoeing and kayaking in Grice Bay and camping at the Long Beach camp ground.

"We saw a whale while we where canoeing around the bay," said **Sigrid Quilala**, grade 10. "It would surface every once and a while and blow air out of it's blow hole."

The group accompanied by trip sponsors, **Lance Castonguay**, **Jacquelyn Collins**, and **Rick Thompson**, arrived back, at the school, from Long Beach at 8:30 Sunday night.

"Our goal was to bring everybody back alive," said Thompson. They did, even though they're

camp site was visited by a medium sized black bear.

"We had a big bonfire on the beach on Saturday night," said Quilala. "The trip was a lot of fun. It cost 85 dollars, and it was well worth it."

This week is also the week to sign up for the paintball trip to take place October 16. Students are also encouraged to sign up for the food sale that will happen October 25.

Sign up for the Yukon trip is also this week. The Yukon trip will be for three weeks, at the beginning of the summer of 2000.

During the three weeks, the participants will be canoeing around the Yukon River, hiking and camping out.

Suspensions trigger student protest, meeting with admin

MARIANA OLIVEIRA, CHANNDIKA THAYVER
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Student behaviour and student protests during the week of September 21-24, around the balcony area brought vast amounts of attention from students and administration.

Students gathered around during C block and made signs reading: "Gleneagle, Suspension Capital of Canada", "Wipe smile off your face" and "You can't suspend us all". When C block ended the students poured into the halls with Grade 12 students leading the way saying "Shhhh" and hoping for support from other students.

The purpose of the protests according to the students were to bring about an awareness of their dissatisfaction regarding suspensions and strict rules being enforced.

Principal **Bob Nicholas** along with the three vice-principal's called a meeting involving interested students, during B block, Friday, September 24.

"Adminisrtaion came on a bit too strong at first to try to run a tight ship," said **Matt Fidler**, grade 12. He felt that not all adminisrtaion gave the situation the respect students felt it deserved.

According to vice-principal, **Sharon Coleman**, the meeting's purpose was to reach a reasonable agreement and to address any current problems. The

meeting went successful according to all participants and Coleman's overall perspective was, "good and productive." Coleman went on to say, "We have agreed to back off, as long as the students act with more respect and responsibility."

Scott MacDonald, grade 12, attended the meeting. "I think that the activities and situations happening throughout the school are being exaggerated by administration. The actions by students are harmless."

The administration also went from class to class discussing the topic of fair treatment and their related concerns.

So far there haven't been any more suspensions and the students have not created disturbances.

Edge wins International First Place award in Quill and Scroll competition

ZAC WILTZEN
staff reporter

The Edge has won the International First Place Award from the Quill and Scroll Society. In only it's second year of production, the newspaper scored 936 out of a possible 1000.

Newspaper advisor, **Paul Odermatt**, expects this year's paper to win the prestigious Gallop award in it's third year of production. "It is a goal that everyone has to share," said Odermatt, advisor of Gallop award winning papers for nine years, and a Quill and Scroll judge. "Although the quality of our writing needs to improve."

"I have never seen a second year newspaper look and read quite so good," said the judge. He also commented that the Edge, "Has a certain spark that jumps out through the design and writing that tells me this is truly a student publication."

Principal, **Bob Nicholas** calls it a, "phenomenal achievement." He also said the newspaper gives the

students a voice and an opinion, as well as reflecting the attitudes of the students.

The gallop award is only given to the papers which score no less than 925 points out of a possible 1000. The winning papers must also recieve a score

of excellence in these five ares: Policy Guidelines, Coverage, Writing and Editing, Display and Design, and Business Practices.

The Edge scored excellence in all but writing and editing, which leaves some room for improvement.

Orange stickers to mark illegal parkers

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Staff Reporter

Do not pass go, do not collect a parking spot, go straight to the office to pay the parking toll of a dollar a month or you will be tagged.

According to the rules of Gleneagle monopoly you must register, pay, and display the parking passes, says **Ken Lemmen**, Vice Principal. Passes are available all through the year from the office.

If a student parks in the parking lot without a pass the consequences will be escalate each time. The first time a car is found without a parking

sticker the owner of the car will be called to the office and will be asked to provide an explanation for the illegal parking.

Next will come an orange sticker which will be placed on the vehicle. "I hope I never have to put a Ross Davidson Reminder on someones car," said Lemmen.

The money from the parking passes will be going towards scholarships for grade 12 students. Another reason that parking passes are necessary are so that cars not belonging to Gleneagle staff or students can be identified.

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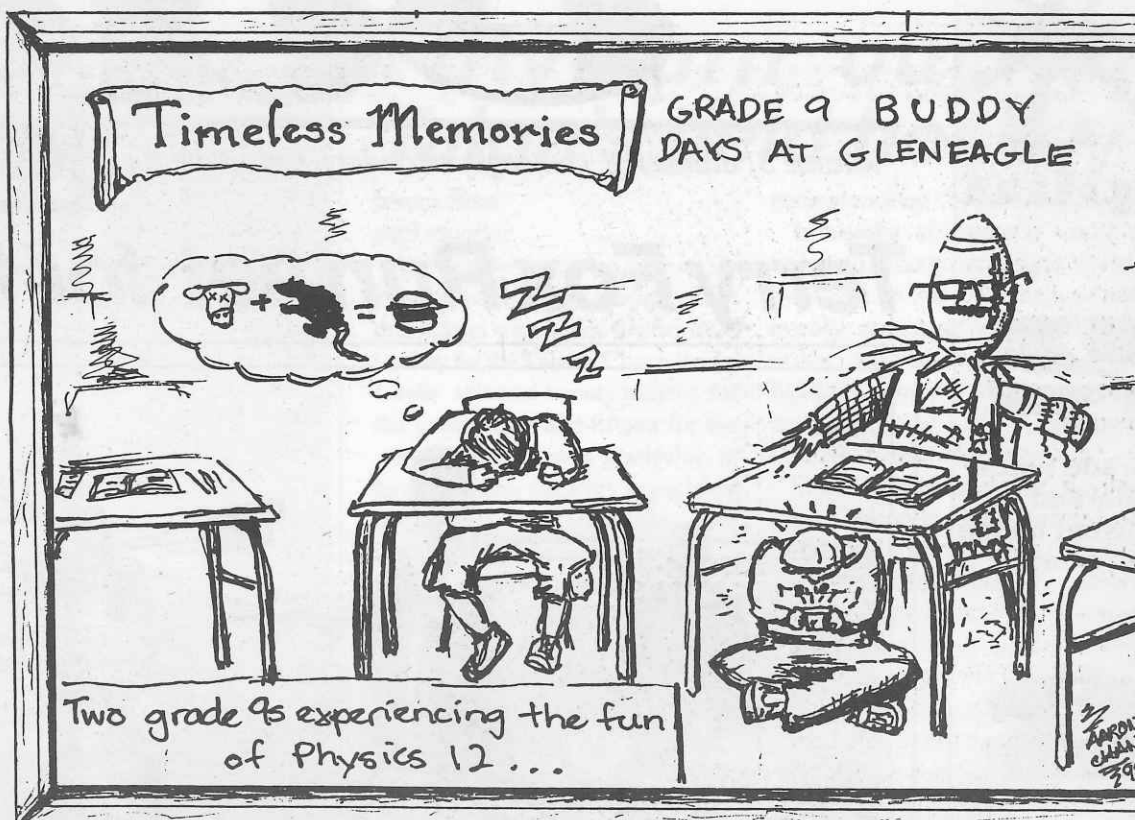
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Four teachers to trade classes for cribs, diapers

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staff reporters

Four teachers will soon be hearing the pitter patter of little feet in their homes, not in the crowded hallways that they're used to.

Kim Cuellar, Spanish teacher, is awaiting tomorrow when she will go on maternity leave for six months.

"I don't know the gender of the baby. If it is a boy, we've decided on Miguel Antonio, however, a girl's name has not yet been decided on," said Cuellar who is currently nine months pregnant.

"Everybody is saying that the life I am about to start is going to be very boring, but we are looking forward to the new life," said **Lisa Dube**, English teacher, who is expecting her first child on either November 9 or 10.

Dube will be going on leave on November 5 and will return to class either at the end of this year or in September.

Dube and her husband have already picked out seven girls' names, but not many boys' names.



Pregnant Teachers: Kim Cuellar, Lisa Dube, Pam Seiler and Nevena Savovic have a hold on things.

"When we see what he or she looks like, then we will decide on the name."

Nevena Savovic, Math teacher, already the mother of two, is expecting her second son. Savovic

intends on working until Christmas break before taking her leave.

Pam Seiler, English teacher, plans on taking the rest of the year off, after delivering her first child.

"The baby is due on December

12," said Seiler, who is currently seven months pregnant. She plans to go on maternity leave in late November or in the beginning of December. She will be returning to class next year.

Two new V-P's join school's administration

ANITHA MATHEW AND CLINTON TIESSEN
staff reporters

Ken Lemmen and **Dennis Secret** are new additions to this year's Gleneagle staff and have taken on the role as vice-principals.

Lemmen arrived for the beginning of the new school year replacing Gleneagle's former vice-principal, **Ross Davidson**.

Lemmen was previously vice-principal at Scott Creek Middle School for three years. This is Lemmen's fourth year as a vice-principal, but it is his twenty-eighth year in school administration.

Lemmen also taught Physical Education and Social Studies classes at Kwayhquitlum Middle School and George Pearkes, now known as Minnehada.

When asked what he would like to accomplish at this school, Lemmen responded, "I wish that I could be able to meet more of the students."

Secret knew he would be joining Gleneagle since last June. He was vice-principal at Minnehada Middle School and George Pearkes. Previously he was a senior Chemistry teacher and a vice-principal at Centennial Secondary School for approximately nineteen years.

"I wanted a change and I felt that being a vice-principal at a high school would be a good thing," said Secret.

The impression that Secret currently has of Gleneagle's school, staff and students is, "Extremely positive."

When asked what he misses most about working in a middle school, Secret replied, "The innocence and the energy of the younger students."

With a variety of events happening here everyday, the one thing Secret would like to see happen at Gleneagle this year, "Is for the students to shine academically with a sense of pride."

Student Council's influence felt around the school

SEAN O'MELINN
staff reporter

After the return of lolly pop sales, and the school dance, Oktoberfest, the student council is starting to make their presence felt around the school.

The council is planning to start collecting money for UNICEF, adding additional seating to the school

and putting on a Terry Fox Run. Also, a Remembrance Day assembly is in the planning.

The Terry Fox run is a first for Gleneagle. **Saleh Tousi**, grade 12 student council member, is leading the project that will take place October 8.

In the week before Halloween, UNICEF boxes will be around the

necks of many of the student council members.

Leanne Mack, grade 12, student council member, is coordinating the drive. "We're super happy about the \$500 we raised last year and we hope to raise even more!" said Mack.

The money collected is going to starved and uneducated children, through the UNICEF organization.

"You can use this opportunity to get to know your student council members during that week. You should know who to go to, to get your voice heard," said Mack.

Seating in the school will increase with the arrival of benches. They will be located in the upper main foyer, according to **Krystle Bluhm**, grade 12, student council member. The benches will cost \$4000 and obtaining them has not been easy.

"The suppliers of the benches have not been returning phone calls. We hope to have them here in a month. We ordered them last June," said Bluhm.

Students see the benches as a good idea. "It's about time. I'm glad they're putting them in because we can't sit on the lockers," said **Mike Osborne**, grade 12.

Grade 9's oriented over three days

SHEENA URQUHART
staff reporter

To make grade 9's comfortable in their new school, Gleneagle staff organized a three day orientation.

The activities began on September 7 with a pancake breakfast in the cafeteria.

From September 14 to 16, one day was for following grade 10, 11 and 12 students to their classes.

"If they did involve us, they expected us to do what the grade 10's and 11's were doing. It was beyond us," said **Darren Parish**, grade 9.

Chris King, a primary organ-

izer, said next year will have more activities for grade 9's in their buddies' classes, instead of just a sheet asking students to count the number of times a teacher said, "um."

Another day involved canoeing from Barnet Marine Park to Belcarra, in outrigger and voyager canoes, and a dragon boat obtained by **Doug Mancell** and **Bill Alley**.

Rick Thompson, **Phil Wright** and **King** organized the canoeing, with help from **Patty Anderson**, **Chris Turpin**, **Julie Greer**, **Lance Castonguay** and **Brian Leonard**. A hot-dog barbecue was run by **Bert**

Gibson, Culinary Arts teacher.

The third day was speeches from student council, multi-cultural club, mountain biking and dragonboat team. School map bingo and a scavenger hunt were also organized.

With only four meetings, Leonard said the orientation was rushed, but went well.

Two hundred musicians prepare for Fall concert

ANITHA MATHEW
staff reporter

Over two hundred students contribute to Gleneagle's music program this year.

According to **Evan Bueckert** and **Brent Hughes**, school music directors, they are pleased about the exceptional turnout to the music program and the plans they have for the year ahead.

The band program breaks down into concert bands including the junior band, grades 9 and 10, and the senior band, grades 11 and 12.

Also, the jazz band breaks down to three groups of grade 9 and 10s, and grade 11 and grade 12s, while auditions will determine the members for the two select vocal jazz and concert choir groups.

According to Bueckert, there are going to be a variety of pieces this year because the level of students is so much higher.

"The band and choir are eager on mastering another CD which should be a high quality, marketable prod-

uct, available to the public."

All in all, they plan on a very "high quality of music," this year said Bueckert.

They also plan to be performing as much as possible with the tour they have planned for this year,

with the help of their fund-raising events.

Their first school performance, also known as the "Gleneagle Fall Concert," is scheduled for November 3, and is taking place in Gleneagle's theatre.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Chris Chin

Chris Chin, grade 11, will represent Canada in the 5th World Wushu Championship and possibly in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Chin leaves for Toronto on September 30 for six weeks of training in the art of wushu, paid for by the Wushu Federation of Canada. In past national contests, Chin has earned 1st for the staff section, 2nd for the barehanded, and 3rd in the straight sword.

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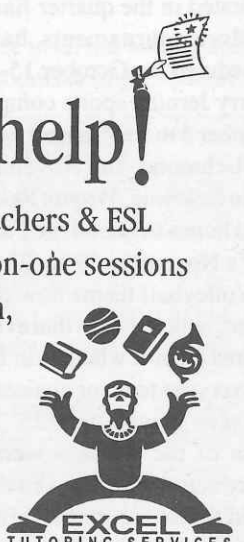
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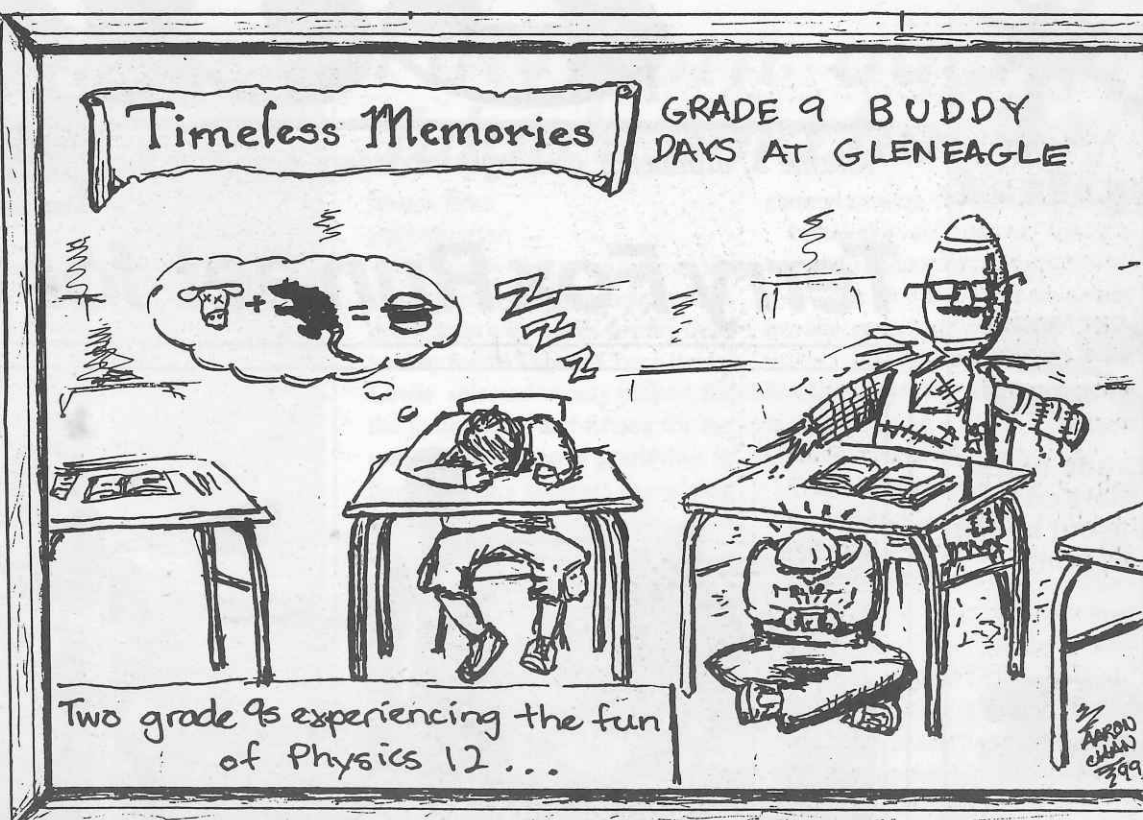
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