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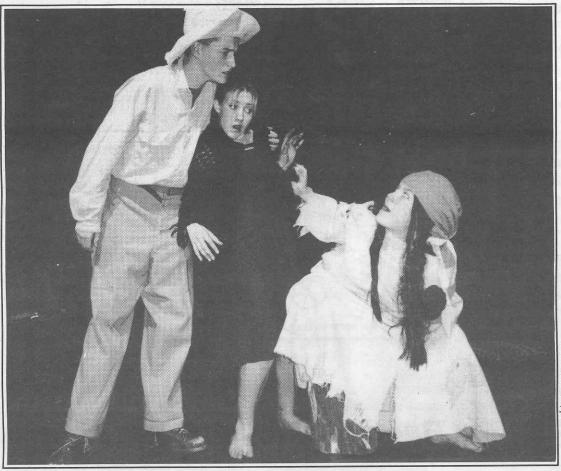
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## Festival continues with 3 plays tonight



Ave Maria: Leanne Mack, grade 12, casts a spell on Robbie Taylor, grade 11, and Breena Alexander, grade 12, during a weekend performance of Jules Tasca's Maria, a play that is also a part of this week's MetFest.

#### Medical reasons force Bob Nicholas to leave; Feb target for new principal

JESSICA HEATH staff reporter

Principal Bob Nicholas announced to staff on November 4, that he would have to take a permanent leave from his job at Gleneagle as soon as possible due to a medical condition involving the deterioration of a disc in his neck, that is beyond surgery.

"It really saddened and upset me," said Nicholas about his feelings at the time. "I worked thirty years towards where I am now. It was a golden opportunity to shape this school."

Other than making occasional visits, Nicholas will not be returning as an administrator to Gleneagle. However, he said that he might possibly return to work after having dealt with his personal health.

"I always masked my own condition over the needs of the school. Personal health issues always came in the second category while the school came first."

The schoolboard announced that as of February 1, 2000, a new principal will be assigned to Gleneagle to take on the duties of the principal.

Although a new princi-

pal has not yet been decided on, vice principal Sharon Coleman, who is currently acting as principal, anticipates a wonderful, new principal. "There are so many people wanting to come to Gleneagle because this is such a great school."

According to Coleman, Nicholas is a key figure in making Gleneagle the school what it is today. "He suggested changes to the original design which made the building better. He believed it was his job to provide the learning resources students and teachers

"It is really unfortunate that he left because he was always really supportive in everything student council did. I am sure the other administration will do a good job too, though," said Leanne Mack, grade 12, member of student council.

According to Saleh Tousi, also a grade 12 member of student council, he was quite shocked at the news of Nicholas' leave. "Mr. Nicholas was supportive in that he came to all of our student council

events. He never rejected any of our ideas without giving them a lot of thought and he is very appreciated for that."

Currently, the duties of two staff positions have been shuffled to accommodate Nicholas' absence. Head counsellor Brian Lewis is assuming the role of administrative assistant. Business Education Department Head Doug MacLean is taking on counselling responsibilities in Lewis' place. Both teachers will return to their originalduties February 1.

Nicholas said he would miss, "Going out

to watch the basketball games, being there for the music students, attending the art exhibitions and seeing the smiling faces of students in class and in the hallways. That is the part I will miss the most".

"I have now come to a crossroads situation in which I must close the door behind me, but I am not prepared for what is on the other side of the door. All of the dreams I had are behind that door and all of my ambitions are somewhat behind me. This is the career I love," said Nicholas.

staff reporter

One act plays from Charles Best, Burnaby South and Port Moody Secondary continue tonight as part of this week's MetFest performances. The play Murder Most Fowl presented by Best will open things up at 7:00, followed by Burnaby South's Little Sister and Port Moody's Binnoire.

Tomorrow evening will bring performances of the plays Children's Story by Centennial, Goblin Market by Burnaby Central and World Tipped Over by Pinetree, starting at 7:00.

Saturday evening will wrap up this year's festival with I Hate The Mall, performed by Riverside, Cheez Whiz by New Westminster and Maria by Gleneagle.

The annual 3 district festival is being hosted at Gleneagle for the second year in a rowand involves schools from Coquitlam, New Westminster and Burnaby. According to Drama teacher and director Richard Dixon, the main focus of MetFest is theatre education. Only one play will be chosen by adjudicator David Bloom, as the most successful production and entered into a provincial festival. Gleneagle was awarded this title last year but due to the festival's cancellation, actors were not able to participate. When asked about this year's provincial festival and Gleneagle's possible role in it Dixon said, "I don't want [MetFest] to feel competitive. People are here to meet, support and encourage each other." He adds that, "Our goal here at Gleneagle is simply to make decent plays that won't waste the audience's time. This definitely is not about winning; It's just about making good plays. That's a big enough challenge."

Stage Manager of one and a half years, Tara Miekle, grade 11, is involved in this year's MetFest for the first time. She says, "I'm really looking forward to Saturday night's performance of Maria. The plays have come along quite nicely. The concept of all these strangers coming together to learn from each other in a more or less noncompetitive environment and atmosphere is really awesome. It's a really nice thing to be a part of."

Actress Tarryn Coetzee, grade 11, who played the part of Dona Camilla in Wednesday night's performance of La Llorona agrees with Miekle by saying, "MetFest is a really good opportunity for actors of all different levels to watch and learn from their peers. I expect performing in front of actors has as many good points as it does not so good points, though."

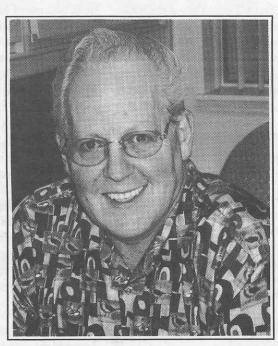
"For instance, you're being critiqued somewhat by people who might be more convincing actors than you are, but at least you know that they're there to watch you and be a part of this out of free

#### upcoming events

Monday, Nov. 29 Gifted Classes Present Night of the Nota-

> Tuesday, Nov. 30 Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews

Wednesday, Dec. 8 Snõ-Ball Christmas Dance



**Bob Nicholas** 

### editorials

### Assembly arms us with new war knowledge

As senior students sat in the dark gym November 10, they were armed with a new found and potentially dangerous weapon-knowledge. Through social classes in grades 11 and 12 we are finally able to understand Remembrance Day.

As long as we can remember we have been handed poppies and told of the war heroes who died fighting for us. Songs have been memorised depicting stories of death and misfortune, but at no point was it so graphically shown to us as was displayed during the assembly.

While the poor description of our November holiday held us off for awhile, it was still nice to actually come to an understanding of the millions of people who did perish. The extremely graphic video shown to us, was a sharp reminder that life is not always able to be summed up for us in a nice half hour episode.

We have to worry about homework and our post secondary plans, but the people involved in our world wars worried about survival, and whether they would see the next day.

The drama production displaying warfare was a way for us to witness hate and murder from the safety of our bleacher seats. All the while keeping us sheltered from the staggering numbers of casualties during World Wars' I and II.

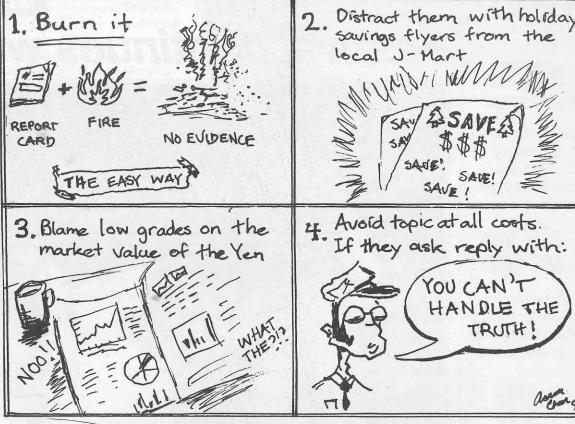
# More music should fill halls and lift hearts

We are all aware of the hum drum routine of everyday school life, get up, go to school, go home, sleep. It is nice to have a little break in the ordinary day to day, and we all can handle mini-concerts in the hallways like on November 10 and 11. It was really interesting to be able to walk out of class, and be met by a rush of music. Not just regular music, but Jazz and Swing. The kinds of music that liven up the soul and shake off routine.

It was an experience to walk into the halls, gaze into the foyer, like so many others and be amazed by the large throng of people that had gathered to watch the band perform. The music was truly outstanding. The band performed admirably, the music was rhythmic, it had melody and was a joy to listen to. Most of the other student body felt the exact same, for people were seen actually dancing to the music.

This little getaway from the everyday is something that should happen more often. These kinds of music concerts lift school spirit, and make a day at Gleneagle just a bit more than a regular day.

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#### Rugby column causes controversy

I would like to respond to an article in the October issue of The Edge regarding the recent junior boys rugby game against Wales.

First of all, I, like my teammates, joined the Gleneagle Talons rugby team to enjoy the game regardless of the final score. The end is not nearly as important as the process. some of the worlds greatest successes have sprung from setbacks.

The important lesson is that you learn and take with you the knowledge to become better. Albert Einstein didn't discover the Theory of

Relativity overnight nor did the Chicago Bulls win the NBA championship the first time around. Just because we didn't win doesn't mean we shouldn't play other teams from other parts of the world. We should embrace adversity rather than avoid it because it makes us stronger over time.

I am not ashamed to lose against the Wales team. In fact, I am proud to have represented my school and my country. If we quit everything that we weren't

the best at where would that leave u Where would that leave our school our country, and our society? I tal failure as a gift to make myself even stronger than before.

I am dismayed by the comments the person who wrote the article-person who didn't even play nor whe or she knowledgeable about the Wales team. However, I accept the criticism with openness because I anot afraid to learn. I can only hop that others are not so afraid.

**Benny Tung**Captain Junior Boys

In regards to the column written by Clinton Tiessen about the Junior Boys Rugby team, I am very angry. He wrote that article without even knowing the details; #1 They have been playing for the last five years together as a team; #2 We had only been practicing for two weeks. He is way out of line to be making fun or even telling people we are not worthy of having them come.

And to the editor — tri is spelled with ay(try). So we think

we deserve an apology to the juni team. Next time, if you are going judge us or any other school team, g someone who played in the game do some research first.

Matt Koenig
Junior Boys Rugby



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Staff • Anitha Mathew, Zac Wiltzen, Stacey Zimmermann I am very ashamed of the article you placed in our school newspaper. First of all why is he taking a blow at are school when he is part of our school. Second why should he be writing an article on rugby when he has never played this sport or been part of the game. This reporter doesn't know half about the game and included in his article are a few spelling

mistakes. In this article he used t phrase "You get what you put in" O team gave it all we could and gave 200% of what we had. I think if the reporter of this article

is so tough he should come attend t practises and play the games. He's woose if he writes all this crap and has never played the game.

Colin Burslem
Junior Boys Rugby

My complaint started the day I opened the monthly newspaper and flipped to the sports section where I thought I would find a comforting write-up about our game. But to my surprise it was the opposite of what I expected. Not only was it missing a great amount of information about the game, it was a poorly written example of the great amount of school spirit our school newspa-

per writers contribute.

Now that I have stated my conplete, I would like to tell you some thing: first of all the word "try" whimeans the scoring of 5 points is spe "TRY" not tri. You should keep you pen from writing your stupid (and mean stupid as you know nothin comments in the paper if you would actually care about your opinions at Thank you for your "effort"

NolanVeljiacic

We did misspell try in the rugby commentary, it is spelled try not tri-

### Flies infest lockers, halls, school

Most schools have problems. They can have problems like vandalism, violence and weapons being apart of the high school environment. Not to say that Gleneagle is void of all of these problems, but as it turns

out, we have a far greater problem than those aforem e n tioned. We have



edge columnist

to deal with a miniscular menace.

Fruit flies have now taken over the building. Some may say that they are only flies that are barely larger than the head of a pin. That may be true, but when the number of flies in the school starts to grow to the number of students attending the school, there should be cause for some concern.

Isn't it amazing how annoying they can get? They can be found everywhere. From Room 220 to Room 213 a fruit fly is always in the air. Around the lockers seems to be the worst of all like a black haze, they float just at eye level.

The flies have become so bad that

Report cards add to the ever grow-

ing stack of pressures we, as stu-

talon infested Jessica Ros

cover. You edge columnist

it to the designers of this colourful

news bearer, they some how man-

aged to make it look as happily

unappealing as possible. The sim-

ple glimpse of this devise can send

These times always seem to hap-

pen the same way. Once report card

time rolls around students all swear

that next term they are going to do

better. They are going to study, pay

shivers down a students spine.

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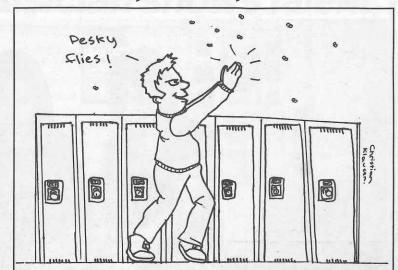
roller coaster

all wrapped

up neatly in a

bright orange

have to hand



vice-principal Denis Secret had to order two divisions of students to go to their lockers and remedy the

Here we are in high school preparing for government exams when we find out that people with the locker numbers 1065-1088 must come to their lockers immediately.

This would lead many to suspect a drug bust or possibly a problem with vandalism, a foreseeable happening in a high school.

However, this was not the case, a locker clean out had been commissioned for the most likely suspects who were causing the fruit fly infes-

This begs the question, how many

Abolished poor reports, praised only good ones

attention, and above all keep my

spirits and attitude high. Bad atti-

tudes are the roads to academic de-

Since I procrastinate as well, one

might ask, why don't you actually

strive for greatness in the term you

are in? Well... then what am I sup-

It is far too easy and much too fun

to blame my teachers and fellow

disruptive students for my current

academic slump. True we are all

responsible for our own actions but

come on! There is always some

there to shovel your down falls onto.

95%, those with 70% want 80% and

those with 30% want to reach for

And who loves the over achiev-

ers more than me? Probably no one,

because I cherish the sing song nat-

ter and complaints echoing the hon-

Those who are getting 90% want

posed to complain about?

struction.

people does it take to clean out a locker? Last time I checked it was possible for one person of sound mind and body to clean a locker. So like a famous shoe company says, Just Do It.

Others suspects that Secret should talk to are the people in-charge of recycling. Inside each blue can is a wonderful breeding ground for the tiny invaders.

In conjunction with this, and the clean lockers, the problem can be stopped. And we can go back to our everyday lives without having to worry about fruit flies.

We can then just worry about the normal stuff like vandalism and vio-

Your report card is supposed to

display how well, or how badly in

some cases, you have done in the

past two and a half months. But in

many cases it is a poor show at

teaches last attempts at meeting

report card deadlines. I adore the

fact that a teacher who is yet to learn

my name says I am a pleasure to

have in class! It warms my heart to

I know just how much "knowl-

edge" has managed to penetrate into

my teenage mind. I do not need an

ugly green and white striped com-

puter print out to let me in on my

My idea: down with report cards!

Burn them in a sacrificial bon fire,

then scatter the ashes. Unless of

course I am doing well, then blow

mine up and frame it for all the

our roll crowds.

know they care.

intelligence level.

world to marvel over.

How tolerant do you think Gleneagle is towards different groups within the school.

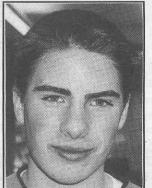




"I think we're better than the younger schools because the kids are more mature" Tim Laidler, grade 9



"Pretty tolerant, not a lot of name calling and that sort of stuff." Dustin Simmons, grade 9



"I think they're quite tolerant because everyone gets along, there's always a little bit of racism but over all it's pretty good." Mathew Smalley, grade 10



racial divide is obvious because you don't see mixing but you don't see racism." Saleh Tousi, grade 12



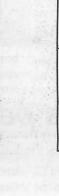
"I think it's good, lots of different cultures and everyone treats everyone fine." Mitch Kelly, grade 12



"I think they're good, because it's not like we're saying certain races can not come to this school" Laura Kowalenko, grade 10



There are uaually not so tolerant to the 'not so popular' people but other wise groups are pretty good." Caitline Sherriff, grade 9



"Very tolerant, but the





I think that problem are fairly talerant. There are some division within the school, with different groups, but I haven't seen too much seperation." Alison Read, grade 10.

#### Sports encourage patriotism and city wide rivalry

If you sprinted up to an average person on the street and screamed,

"I love Canada" people would think that you escaped from t h e mental hospital



edge columnist

and were not just being patriotic.

Most of my patriotism and love for Canada comes from sports. The sports teams of Vancouver make me feel more Canadian.

When you go to a Grizzlies game, Canucks game, or Lions game, you hear the National Anthem. I stand

and do my share, owning up to my citizenship, singing the anthem at the top of my lungs. I hear everyone else around me join in, and a chill races through my body.

Sports are necessary to a countries and cities, to provide entertainment. There is also an underlying part of sports that we can't see. Sports bring people and cities together, uniting people in one common bond, beating the other team.

This is something unseen in society, that is allowed, and encouraged in sports. You may pay an overinflated price for a game that takes two hours out of your life, but that two hours reaffirms your pride in your city, your team, and your country.

If someone can find a way to be

patriotic and enjoy themselves as much as watching a hockey game, they deserve an award.

Vancouverites are not patriotic, scurrying through their busy lives, not stopping to thank the country for what it has given. People become patriotic as soon as the Canucks make it to the playoffs, or when the Lions go to the Grey Cup, but forget the team the rest of the year.

As John F. Kennedy once said, although he was an American, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Take those two hours out of your life to go to a game, or watch it on T.V., and be patriotic supporting your teams!

#### news

### 50 A-block classes to participate in hamper drive

Martin Wlodarski staff reporter

This year, like the two years proceeding it, the student council has once again started to distribute hampers to different classes.

Three students have been spear heading this effort for these few years, the students include Laura Renfrow, grade 12, Breana Seivenpiper, grade 12 and Cory McLaren, grade 12. This year 50 out of 66 A block classes will be participating in this hamper drive.

The drive dates back to the opening days of the school where the idea of either a toy or food drive was first conceived by the student council, according to Renfrow, an active participant for over three years. "We thought it would be better to contribute to the community," says Renfrow. The drive is not entirely executed by the student council, the Burquitlam Lions club also helps with the hampers.

She also added that its so much more rewarding to see the look on the faces of the recipients when they receive the hampers. Seivenpiper, a three year participant, recalls one experience, "When I delivered a hamper to this one house, a little boy ran out, and he had never seen those little cereal boxes before," she smiles, "as soon as I handed the hamper to him, he

grabbed the box and ripped it open. It made him so happy."

She says that it was one of the highlights of her hamper drive. This year the hamper drive will be delivering hampers to 32 families.

Toqualify for a hamper each family must meet the below poverty line standard. This means that the family must have a total income of less then \$12,000.

The school has always been a very active supporter of this hamper drive, and Seivenpiper hopes that this year the drive will be more successful then last year.

The student body has been very supportive of the hamper drive for the last three years according to both Seivenpiper and Renfrow. According to Renfrow, she participates in the drive because it's very rewarding. She believes that people do this not only because of pity, but because of personal satisfaction. "When you give the hampers you feel really good," says Renfrow.

The staff has also been very keen on participating in this hamper drive. Byron Yip is one teacher who through motivation encourages his students to bring in food, according to most of his students.

He says, "Bring in all the food that you can, I want to fill four boxes...remember if you bring in stuff that you don't like then you won't have to eat it!" The staff has



Constructing the methods of delivery: Laura Renfrow, grade 12 and Breana Seivenpiper, grade 12 prepare the boxes that will be used in each A block class, and ultimatley for the food hamper deliveries December 17.

been very cooperative in assisting the hamper drive program, they have been pursuing it with more vigore then usual, according to Renfrow.

Seivenpiper also adds that this activity allows the staff to also contribute to the community, like the students around them.

Students who wish to contribute

food to the hamper should put it in the boxes provided by the teachers. The hampers should include foods such as rice, jam, coffee, tea, spices, pasta or any other foods that won't spoil over time. "Canned foods are always good anything that won't spoil is always good too," says Seivenpiper. Renfrow also adds that this year, the delivery of the hampers will be much more festive. "The bus is going to be decorated, we'll be singing carols, and some people might even dress up," says Renfrow. The hampers will be delivered December 17, food should be in to the teachers before the deadline.

### Evil Angels perform at the halftime show of the Grey cup finals

Staff reporter

Thursday afternoons, in gym C, Gleneagle's Evil Angels can be found.

They dance, they prance and get four credits for graduation for it.

Gleneagle's performance dance class has been practising every Thursday for two hours in preparation The team had been invited to compete with schools all over Vancouver to preform in this Sunday's Grey Cup game between Calgary and Hamilton.

Winning team will perform in the half time show with more than ten CFL cheerleading teams.

"It's only for high school students and the Grey Cup only comes to Vancouver every six years, It's a

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once in a life time opportunity, and I'm glad I got the chance," said **Elyce Huyton**, grade 12.

Tuesday, yesterday and tomorrow have been added on for practise to polish up the performance for the competition going on Saturday, November. 27.

The team, made up of nine Gleneagle girls, although only seven will be preforming, will compete against nineteen other teams for the half time slot.

It goes on between 11:45am and 2:00pm, at B.C. Place stadium and free for anyone who is interested in watching.

"It's a great opportunity to see the CFL cheerleaders preform, where else will you see all that for free?" said The Evil Angel's coach, **Pauline Flemming.** 

The teams will find out Saturday afternoon which group wins the competition.

Win or lose though, all of the groups will get to preform in the finale at the end of the game.

"The team was made to give the girls more courage, and to learn new things. The Grey Cup is defiantly a new thing," **Flemming** added.

If students want to see the team preform and can't make it to B.C. Place stadium this weekend the opportunity is not completely lost.

There will be a district competi-

tion here at Gleneagle in the main gym on December 9.

There will be a performance at Chapter's, December 16 at 8pm, and provincials happen in March.

To help them learn, they will be attending a Hip Hop & Break Dance competition.

Next semester new members are welcome although they will only get two credits since it is a full year course.

Currently only grades ten thru twelve are participating, but grade nines will be welcome next semester.

The groups will be divided up further until the creation of advanced and beginner groups.

#### Fundraising underway for Outdoor Tunkwa lake trip

Channdika Thayver staff reporter

Fund-raisers for the upcoming Tunkwa Lake trip are underway according to **Phil Wright**, sponsor and spokesperson of the Outdoors Club. Annual meat sales are a part of the agenda along with lottery sales for a Clipper canoe worth \$1000.

"The canoe" says Wright, "is an excellent tripping canoe and good all around." Books of 10 lottery tickets are being sold for \$20 each

and students selling them are buying the books in hopes of winning the canoe themselves.

Students and chaperones are leaving for the \$85 trip on Friday, February 4, the last day of semester 1 finals, for 3 days and 2 nights. They will return home on Sunday, February 6.

Money earned through fund-raising can also be put toward this Spring's horseback riding trip as well as the Summer's Yukon trip.

been presented yet, **Cory McLaren**, grade 12, says she's pretty sure she'll be going on this year's trip.

"It was a blast last year. 3 whole days of fun and excitement. All the trips have been fun so this one should be too. I don't expect it to be anything less than that."

Adrain Oliver, grade 11, agrees by saying, "I really hope this trip will be a good one. I'm not sure if I'm going yet either but with all the fund-raising we're doing, I'm sure, I'll go and it'll be the best trip ever."

### Ckets are being sold for \$20 each Though no actual sign up list has I'll go and it'll be the best trip ever.' Gifted class students to host night of the notables

Martin Wlodarski staff reporter

Night of the Notables is being hosted on November 29 by the gifted English/Science class.

Teacher **Diane Silzer** says, "I expect the students involved to be proud of their work, to challenge themselves, and to enjoy themselves." The students in Silzer's

class also believe that the Night of the Notables is a way in which they can express their acheivements.

Chris Yao, grade 9, said, "It's a way for us to show our intelligence. It's also a way for us to show how much we appreciate history."

The night of the notables has been organized for the last three years by the gifted English/Science programs. "I can't tell you what it's going to be like this year," says Silzer. The notables represented are not told to anyone before the actual night. "It's supposed to be a surprise," says Mindy Barkmann grade 10. The night is being organized by Silzer, Science teacher Quieren Mulder Ten-Kate and students.

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### Singer, musician shows talent, hard work, enthusiasm

staff reporter

Most people who have gotten to know Bonnie Vermuelen agree that her musical talent is definitely one of a kind.

Vermuelen, currently in grade 12 shows her dedication and love for music through her "Enthusiasm, hardwork and dedication," said Evan Bueckert, music teacher and director, who has taught Vermuelen for 3 years altogether.

Vermuelen is also currently involved in four of the music programs Gleneagle offers; the choir, jazz choir, band and jazz band. "Bonnie knows how to have fun. She knows the difference between fun and hard work, and she brings the fun as a product of her hard work," said Bueckert.

It all began with piano lessons at the age of six. As a child, she never really had an ear for any particular type of music.

She listened to whatever her parents listened to, like the Beatles, Sting and classical. According to Vermuelen, her mom plays the piano at a grade 8 level.

However, Vermuelen's homework load does not compare to her hectic schedule outside of school. While Vermuelen works extremely

hard to maintain her honour roll standing, outside of school she is a part of the Coquitlam District Choir which she became a member of, four years ago.

Vermuelen is a Soprano 1, which is the highest vocal part in choirs. This district choir is divided into three main groups; Childrens, aged eight to 15 years, and youth concert along with youth chamber choir which is 15 years to adult.

Vermuelen has also earned a Grade 10 standing in piano. She puts her piano skills to use by tutoring piano twice a week for children and adults. Right now, she has six students. Along with all of that, she also attends music history, theory and harmony classes.

Some of the many places Vermuelen has visited during her lifetime with the choir and bands include England, and Disneyland.

Her greatest achievment was at England with the district choir, two years ago, at the Westminster Abbey. With all the different travelling she does with either the band or choir during a year, not to forget the performances involved in such activities, she adds, "It is very gratifying to know that my parents support me 100%. The festivals and competitions only add to



**Bonnie Vermuelen** 

the excitement."

She has goals and dreams like every other teenager. Bueckert says that he would like to see her steer toward the direction of a professional. "Being selfish I would expect her to take her gifts on the stage in performance as a professional musician."

Vermuelen adds to his statement, but on a different twist. "I would like to do something with music and have that be a part of me throughout life, but it's not particularly my main interest," she said. "Right now, I'm looking into going to a good law school. Maybe the University of Victoria might be an option."

While Vermuelen has a lot to decide, whether it may be in terms of career goals or musically oriented goals, her friends say her confidence and enthusiasm will easily guide her through.

Vermuelen also finds out in a few days whether she has made it to the provincial jazz ensemble, which is difficult to be accepted into due to a limit of 12 people from all the provlimit ince.

Whether she makes it through or not, Bueckert says, "The most amazing part about Bonnie is how she makes the hardest task look so easy".

### Survey examines school's attitudes of tolerance toward others

SHEENA URQUHART AND SEAN O'MELINN staff reporters

Results from a survey conducted on November 9 by the Multinations Club show that the majority of Gleneagle students are tolerant of other religions and cultures. However, a closer look at the survey reveals a significant minority don't share all the same views.

The ten-question survey concerned a variety of topics, ranging from tolerance of those who speak languages other than English in public to students' willingness to date a person from another culture.

From the survey, the Multinations Club hopes to bring awareness to the students of Gleneagle.

"The survey is meant to show the ist attitudes. tolerance level of the students. Overall, the students have a fairly high tolerance. There aren't any major problems with racism, according to the survey," said Mike Widman, grade 10.

According to club sponsor Debbie Bouska, the "Unity in Diversity Week" survey was conducted to inquire as to students' tolerance levels, as a part of the national Diversity Week, held November 7 - 13 and organized by the Ministry of Multiculturalism.

Bouska also said that the club wanted to do the survey in response to a column published in the last edition of the Edge, concerning rac-

Louisa Yip, grade 10 club member, said that the club based the questions on their own experiences with racial, religious, sexual and cultural prejudice.

Yip also said that the group wanted to know know how people in Canada feel about immigrants, considering Canada is a multicultural country.

The club noiced several positive signs in the survey results.

They were pleased that students had no problems with dating a person from another culture or religion, and also that most students had no problems with people who wear traditional clothing from other countries, according to Widman.

What worried the Multinations Club, though, was that name- calling was not always considered a form of bullying.

Also, a significant number of students said that they would sometimes laugh at a racial joke.

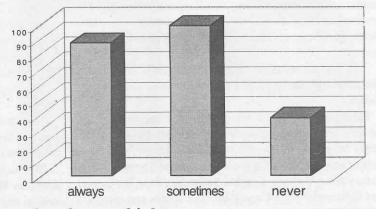
"We've got a ways to go, but we aren't alarmed," Bouska said.

The club will meet this week to discuss the results of the survey.

Do you agree that the Multinations Club's survey?

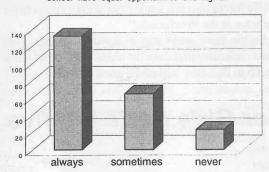
Is it an accurate representation of the Gleneagle student body?

Do you consider name-calling as a form of bullying?

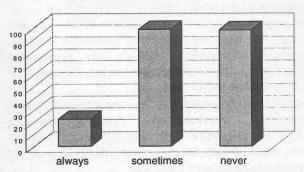


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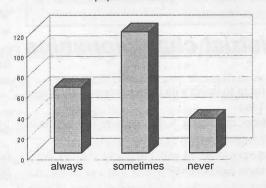
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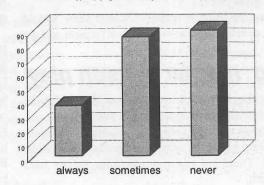
If you are in a public place and people are speaking in a language that you don't understand, are you offended?



Do you have compassion for non-English speaking



Do you tell jokes about people that are different or that stereotype (by gender, religion, and race) people?



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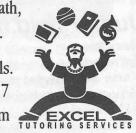
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### sports

### Cheer, Dance team to be a part of the Grey Cup half-time show

Zac Wiltzen staff reporter

A group of Scott Creek cheerleaders will be representing Gleneagle at the 1999 Grey Cup at B.C. Place November 28, They will be performing a two minute routine along with cheerleaders from schools across the country.

This group of cheerleaders have been practising their routine since September of this year. Coach **Pauline Fleming** explained that she is proud to have such a hard working, committed team.

"They have been working very hard and they are really dedicated," said Fleming, speaking of her team, which has only been together for three months.

Cynthia Wildman, grade 10, a member of the Grey Cup bound team, said, "We are confident, but a little nervous." She had a chance to see the other teams in the competition and was impressed, saying "They are all really good at what they do, we are glad that we are among this countries elite cheer squads."

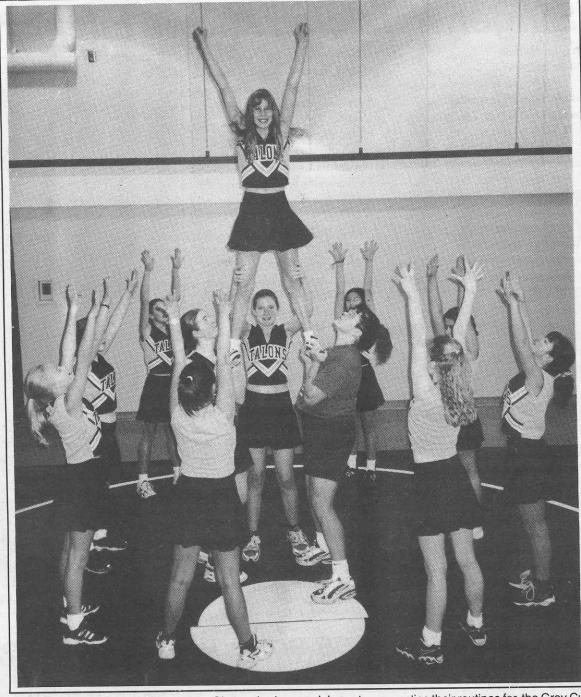
Wildman stated that she is very proud to be representing Gleneagle at the Grey Cup. Their routine will be seen by tens of thousands of people during the half time show in a packed B.C. Place, which will be hosting a rematch of last year's Grey Cup between the Calgary Stampeders and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

The team has been practising and rehearsing twice a week since September and hope to put on the best show possible in front of the huge crowd at B.C. Place.

For the most part, the Gleneagle team is made up of Scott Creek students who have a very, "upbeat and confident attitude," and are happy to be representing Gleneagle, according to Fleming.

Team member **Krista Hawley**, grade 8, said, "I am nervous about the performance but extremely confident that the team will be able to do it's best, even though there is going to be tremendous pressure." This is the attitude of most of the team, who practice at school and at home in order to put on a show for the crowd. The team also has the district competition to look forward to, which it will be taking place at Gleneagle on December 9.

All the practice and hard work at home and at school over the last three months will come down to two minutes on the field at the biggest show in Canadian football, and the whole team is ready to put on a



**Reaching for the sky**: Members of the Gleneagle cheer and dance team practice their routines for the Grey Cu on Sunday. At the center, coach Pauline Fleming(right) and **Cynthia Wildman**, grade 10(left) and **Jodi Wildma** grade 8(middle) support **Shawna Walton**, grade 8(top) while the rest of the team complete the routine.

JAMES FILIPPELLI

top 16 of B.C.

### Senior Boys planning to be at Provincials

HILLARY GRANT staff reporter

Senior Boys Volleyball finished fourth out of sixteen teams, in the Fraser Valleys that happened Thursday November 18, 19, and 20, with Elgin Park winning first place, Delta Secondary with second place and Walnut Grove with third

"We had an unfortunate turn when we where playing Walnut Grove for third place," said team coach, Sanjeev Sidhu.

The team then went on to the mini tournament that decided if they would proceed to the Provincial championships. In order to be eligible the team had to finish in either first or second place. They played against Claremont Secondary from Victoria, Cambie Secondary from Richmond, and Centennial from Coquitlam. The scores and results of

the mini tournament where not available when the paper went to print, so wether the team went on to the Provincials was not yet known.

"When we get into the Provincials it's my goal to finish in at least the top ten," said **John Guinto**, grade 11. "We are going to win, when we go to the mini tournament."

The Provincial championships start on December 1 and go until the 4.

"We hope to finish in the top 10 (in the province)," said Sidhu.

The whole team thinks that the season was a great success and that Sidhu was a great coach and they hope that he will return next year.

"The season has bean great, Mr. Sidhu was a lot of fun," said **Jon Wiskar**, grade 11."We got better throughout the season and improved a lot."

### December 3, and two games on December 4. The team, so Wayne Reid, team coach, is playing at a "full 110%." He continued "If the team plays the way they can and the continued to the continued t

He continued, "If the team plays the way they can and way they have for the past few games they will be competit with every team at the Provincials."

Provincials next in line for

Senior Girls Volleyball team

Kelowna and the Provincial championships lie in the pa

of the Sr. Girls Volleyball team. After placing third in t

league and fourth in the Fraser Valley's, they will travel

Kelowna. Centennial, Riverside, and Walnut Grove finish

ahead of Gleneagle at the Fraser Valley's in Surrey

November 18, 19 and 20. The team is guaranteed a place in t

The team plays three games on December 2, two games

Reid feels the team must stay focused no matter w happens, and remember that since the teams at the Provinciare the top 16 in BC, they will all be good.

#### Junior Girls make top five

James Filippelli staff reporter

After placing fourth in the league the Junior Girls Voll ball team went on to place fifth in the district finals November 16. According to **Pauline Fleming**, team coathe team lost a hard fought battle to Centennial.

The team lost most games by scores of 25 - 23 s Fleming. The team finished behind Centennial, Pinetr Riverside, and Moody. Fleming feels the team, "Represen Gleneagle well," and the girls, "Were a strong, fun team to with from the start [of the season.]"

Fleming goes on to say that the girls were, "The best te I've coached as an all around package." According to Flemi they have won roughly 75 - 80 percent of their games. Ca Beattie, grade 10, feels that Pinetree and Riverside were biggest blocks in the team's pathway.

#### Junior Boys still number one after district championships

HILLARY GRANT

staff reporter

The Junior Boys Volleyball are again, returning district champions.

The team, "Peaked at the right time and had depth in the bench," meaning, "If someone is having an off day we can put someone else in their place without messing up the whole team," according to team coach, Mark Liao.

They ranked fifth overall in the district and had wins over Pinetree, (ranked first in district), and Centennial, (ranked second in district), and came up for the first place win.

The team continued on to the Fraser Valley championships on November 23, which were being held in Mission at Hatsic

secondary.

"My goal is for us to finish with the top teams of the Fraser Valleys," said Liao.

The scores from the Fraser Valleys where not available when the paper went to print.

"Overall, I'm very satisfied with the season," said Liao.

Overall, the team feels that the season was a great success and that they improved greatly throughout the season. "I think we had great season and that we all had a lot of fun," said Aaron Chan, grade 10.

Liao said that the team, to prepare for next year, should "Get into club, develop their skills over the off season, and get taller."

### Junior field hockey undefeated during regular season play

Jessica Ross staff reporter

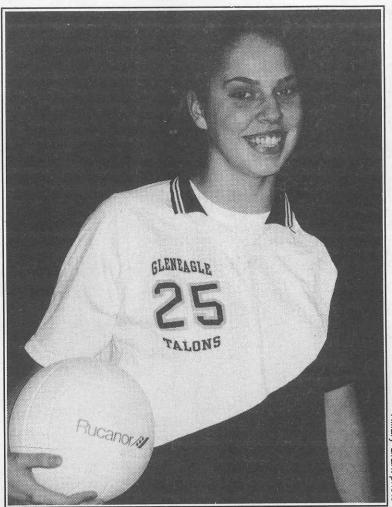
After an undefeated regular season, the junior girls field hockey team went on to win the district championships held in Chilliwack.

"I expected them to do well because many of our players

played club (hockey) in the spring," said coach **Brain Lewis**. The team is currently planning their team win up.

The senior team ended their season with a third out of sixth placing. The team had their wrap up dinner at Red Robins, November 18. There are tentative plans for indoor field hockey in March.

## Grade eight wonder plays for Junior Girls Volleyball



Junior Volleyball team member Erin Wiskar, grade 8, takes a moment to rest in the midst of her busy schedule commuting between Moody Middle School and the Gleneagle volleyball court.

staff reporter

Knowing that you have the potential to be one of the best in the league, knowing that you have coaches and parents noticing your ability, and knowing that you are two years premature of the team, "can be good I guess because everyone knows you," Erin Wiskar, grade 8, said sheepishly.

"I hear comments from other coaches saying that number 25 (Wiskar) is really good and that her skill really stands out," said Pauline Fleming, team coach.

Erin got the opportunity to play with the grade 10 girls, with the camp that she attended on the last week of summer before school started.

The camp was held at Gleneagle, and had girls of junior and senior ages participating. Erin played with the senior girls team throughout that

"I met her when she was in grade 6, and I also knew her through her three older brothers that have played volleyball through the years," said Fleming, beaming proudly. "One of the coaches also told me that she had the most potential to play in University."

Wiskar is a "true middle," according to Fleming, and with that comes knowledge, ability, and strength. "Height, strength, and skills," are what a true middle has to have, along with the ability to guard the net and anticipate where the ball is going to go.

"It's more then just blocking, its being able to anticipate where the block should be. And being there when it comes," said Fleming.

Wiskar has the playing style and form of a champion. Her serving excels, along with her blocking and spiking.

Her long arms and fingers extend and hit the ball naturally, as if being second nature.

Even when sitting on the bench she is a great help to her team-mates and friends, supporting them and cheering them on the whole way.

In grade 5, Erin went to the "Now Camp" of volleyball, for grades 6 through 8 and that's how she started. "I just loved it," Erin said.

Part of her talent is due to watching her three older brothers Ryan, Jon, and Michael's games and prac-

The other part is due to hard work and Club she plays with. It is a year round group that play, practice and have fun together. Some clubs meet as many as four times a week.

Ryan, (the oldest), who is currently 21 years old, started playing volleyball in grade 5. Jon, currently in grade 11, starting when he was in grade 6, and Michael, who is currently in his first year of Douglas College, started when he was in grade 6, and played for BC in grade

Wiskar takes part in a volleyball Club in Burnaby, which practices twice a week. Wiskar first joined the "Ducks" club in grade 6 and they worked on 'high altitude' play-

Other than club, volleyball is a full time activity for Wiskar with the four main days of the week.

On Monday, the team has the weekly meeting, watching videos of games and seeing how they can improve. On Tuesday, they practice there actual skills. Wednesday they have their league games against other teams, and Thursday is pasta day. This is when the team concentrates on taking a break, getting sleep and eating healthy.

Wiskar takes part in basketball, swimming, and water polo in the summer (besides volleyball).

This year while attending Scott Creek she is also on the grade 10 girls basketball team. "Ms. Anderson just asked me to try out, so I did," said Wiskar.

High school volleyball isn't where it's going to end for Wiskar, "I want to get a scholarship for University and then try out for the BC Team or the national team."

Coach Fleming's words of advice for her are to just keep being open to feedback, be a faster hitter, keep trying, and stay open minded. Fleming adds, my goals are her goals.

#### Senior boys soccer end season in Fraser Valleys

**CLINTON TIESSEN** staff reporter

Senior Boys soccer ended their season, and their Fraser Valley finals hopes, against Riverside in a 1-0 loss. Losing only two games, against Terry Fox Secondary School and Riverside, they finished up with a 6-2 record during the season. In total they had an 8-4 record, with 2-2 record in the Fraser Valleys, improving from last year's 2-10 record.

A meeting is planned for next Wednesday where team members

will be presented with awards for their contribution. Peter Winstanley, grade 11, scored the first goal of the season for the Talons with a header. "It felt great to get that goal, especially being a header," commented Winstanley. The team did well according to Scott Askew, grade 11, a player on last year's team. "We did a lot better this year than we did last year. I thought that we put up a great effort, but luck wasn't with us in that final

According to most of the players

on the team, they had a good season and were happy to be part of this club.

Coach Greg Haywood's goal at the start of the season to make it to the Fraser Valleys was fulfilled and over exceeded, winning two games in the tourna-

During the Fraser Valleys, the team was supported by approximatly 50 people, who had turned out for the game against North Surrey Secondary School. The team won the game 3-1.

#### Swim team member continues to Fraser Valleys

MARTIN WLODARSKI staff reporter

Swim season has come to an end with students placing in the top 10 in the Fraser Valley.

The swimmers competed at a very high standard, according to Bill Alley, coordinator of the swim team. Alley also commented that this year had been very successful, in the way of training the less experienced swimmers.

Erin O'Melinn, grade 11, ceived a 3rd in the 50m breast-

Dave Rae, grade 11 and Rheana Faedo, grade 11 are three swimmers on the team who were able to qualify for the Lower Fraser Valleys and the Fraser Valley championships. Faedo competed in the 50m butterfly and the 50m freestyle, while Rae also competed in the 50m butterfly and the 50m breaststroke.

O'Melinn competed in the 100m freestyle. At the Fraser Valley championships, Faedo received 2nd place in the 50m freestyle, while Rae restroke. O'Melinn received an 8th in the 100m freestyle. Only Faedo was able to advance to the BC championships, where she will be racing in the 50m freestyle.

At press time the results from this race were unavailable.

"The team is in good spirits at the end of the season," O'Melinn said, "We're all happy that we did really well. If we had more people I think that we could have done better, and the provincials would be a possibility for us."

#### Cross-country season ends with tenth place finish

MARTIN WLODARSKI staff reporter

The cross-country team has finished the last of the races for the year. It has been extremely successful this year, according to most of the racers that participated. The cross-country team has been able to qualify for both the Coquitlam championships and the Lower Fraser Valley championships.

At the Lower Fraser Valley championships the team performed very well according to Brian Copp, grade 10. The team

was unable to qualify for the BC championships, which is a disappointment, since last year the team was able to qualify. Despite this, Sean O'Melinn, grade 12, was able to run in the BC championships and place thirty-fifth. Justin Frei, grade 10 said, "We're proud of how well Sean did, but its still too bad that we didn't qualify, but there'll always be next year."

The team should not be judged by its failure to be at the provincials. The new distances and new rules were challenges for the cross-country team this year according to both Frei and Copp.

The team was able to successfully win a number of different trophies. These trophies were won at the Coquitlam cross-country finals, and at virtually all levels of competition.

The cross-country team has excelled during this season, making this one of the best yet, according to all runners.

The team will be celebrating the end of its season with a complementary banquet for all those who participated. The banquet will be held tonight.



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### Art students prepare their work for juried show

SEAN O'MELINN staff reporter

Aspiring artists have the opportunity to showcase their art at the Emerging Talents 2000 art show, January 20 - February 12, 2000 at the Evergreen Cultural Centre.

Thirteen students, from the Art Careers program, are submitting work to the exhibition.

"It's a chance for students to experience first hand, the rigours of a real art show." explained Terry Foster, Art teacher.

Students build a portfolio of three works with an unlimited range in style and medium. The works are then sent to a jury which selects which pieces will be allowed into the show, according to Foster. The jury consists of people knowledgeable in the field of art.

It is now crunch time for the participants who must have their pieces submitted by November 29.

Some of the students are in the middle of finishing off their portfo-

lios. "I feel the pressure of getting my work done, not getting it accepted into the show," said Dustan Tucker, grade 12.

He will be handing in a work called Given to the Earth. A combination of pencil, crayon and pencil crayon.

Terrilynn Bell, grade 12, has dreams of being accepted to Ryerson, a well-known at school. "Painting helps me express my inner beauty," said Bell.

Bell is currently working on her favourite piece – a water colour that contains vivid warm and cold colours of a singer with a pierced

"I wanted it to be abstract. I wanted it to be the one people look at when they entered the room," explained Bell.

Ryan Cassels, grade 12, sees his art as a stepping stone to something greater. "I want to make movies, and this is a close as I could get."

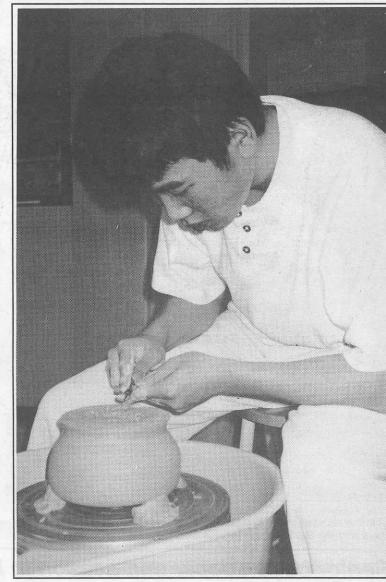
He is not concerned about the possibility the judges will not select his work for the show. "I don't think it's important. It's just three people judging what you do over a three month period. What they say means nothing."

Cassels believes that this demonstration will be far different than any other that he has been in. "My first show was on my mom's fridge," quipped Cassels.

The feeling about the show was echoed by Stef Wong, grade 12, who is submitting a picture of a magnified perspective inside a tornado.

"It's just a show, (it's) no big deal. After the show, if I get in, I'm going to have a tea-party with Nathan, Ryan and Terri."

After the display, Tamsyn Fell, grade 12, hopes that she learns "perseverance and self motivation and a better understanding of art." The piece she will be handing in is a water colour of a woman crying. "I like the intricate design and the way it evokes emotion."



Round and round it goes: Nick Wong, grade 12, makes a bowl out of clay on a wheel

#### edge reviews

#### Guns, Stunts, Naughty Commies, from 007

AMANDA GIENE staff reporter

007 is back with The World is Not Enough. Once again Pierce Brosnan stars as Ian Fleming's James Bond. The new flick is your classic Bond plot; shootings, nuclear weapons and of course Bond scoring with all of the female ac-

Opening with a new Bond theme song, performed by Garbage, it then begins a high-speed boat chase up London's River Thames. By the end, the boat, full of bullet holes, has chunks missing and is a useless mess of metal.

Bond meets co-star Sophie Marceau, who plays the daughter of a murdered oil tycoon, Elektra King. She intends on finishing the oil pipes that her father started, crossing through Turkey.

Problem is, terrorist anarchist, Renard, Robert Carlyle, has a plan to blow up the thing with nuclear

Nuclear weapons expert, Dr. Christmas Jones, played by **Denise** Richards, teams up with Bond to try and defuse the nuclear bomb.

It comes down to King being partners with Renard, when he gets his hands on an army nuclear submarine, and instead they plot to blow up some other oil line, therefore King's will be in demand.

Robbie Coltrane re-creates the character of Valentine Zukovsky, a RGB controller, turned casino owner and arms supplier, that first graced our eyes in Golden Eye.

Of course, what would a Bond movie be without Dame Judi

Dench's character of M, James Bonds superior, or especially the presence of Q?

Desmond Llewelvn makes his seventeenth appearance in the Bond series since it started in 1962 with Dr.No, as the inventor of MI6's arsenal of deadly gadgets. trick guns, and explosive watches were always goodies. But time has evolved and so have the inven-

The World is Not Enough brings a speed boat, a spectacularly modified BMW Z8, and a ski jacket with a built-in parachute.

It's got everything you'd expect in a Bond film- out of this world inventions, evil villains and, of course, a non-stop, action-packed plot of guns, stunts and naughty commies.

#### Caroling choir to Canada Place

SHEENA URQUHART staff reporter

Wandering the halls toting boxes filled with mint-chocolate and chocolate covered almonds, music students have begun fundraising for this year's music trip.

At three dollars per box, nearly fifty per cent of the purchase price of the chocolate goes to the stu-

However, Brent Hughes and

Evan Bueckert, music director have yet to decide on a destination for this year's trip.

The concert choir will be singing a variety of traditional Christm carols on December 6, at "Chris mas at Canada Place", includir Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!, J. to the World, and What Child This. It will be the choir's first pe formance at the invitation-on event.

#### 'Haunted Hill' offers \$1 000 000 fright

MARTIN WLODARSKI

staff reporter

Frightening, is the single word which can be used to describe House on Haunted Hill.

The tale begins with five people being given cards, which invite them to win one million dollars, upon surviving a night in a house. They all got a lot more then they bargained for - the house is an abandoned asylum constructed in the early 1930s.

The story begins to unwind as the actual history of the asylum is revealed by one of the hosts.

He tells the contestants that in the 1930s, a deranged doctor locked everyone inside the asylum and then burned them to death. Only five people managed to survive.

Watching this movie, you'll have the pleasure of finding out what a dehydration chamber is, and, among other things, the wonders of electrosis of the human mind.

The movie was by far the most frightening I have viewed. The cast was mainly no-name actors, which resemble the usual Hollywood horror cast - the blonde, the smart guy, the scared guy and all the others in between.

In general, actors managed to play their parts very well considering that they were acting in a horror film.

This movie kept the audience riveted the entire way through, without a moment to breath and relax. Instead, it was like an adrenaline roller coaster, except that it only went up.

The movie is definitely not for the light of heart, with its rating of 18A being well justified by constant references to violence and mutilation.

The gore and violence are not wide spread, but instead, moderated and only shown in scenes which really require it. In my opinion this adds quality to the film. For the light of heart, though, this is by far a very bad choice.

By far the most suspenseful movie to be shown in a long time, House on Haunted Hill is a must for those who want a scare, or a sleepless night or two.

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