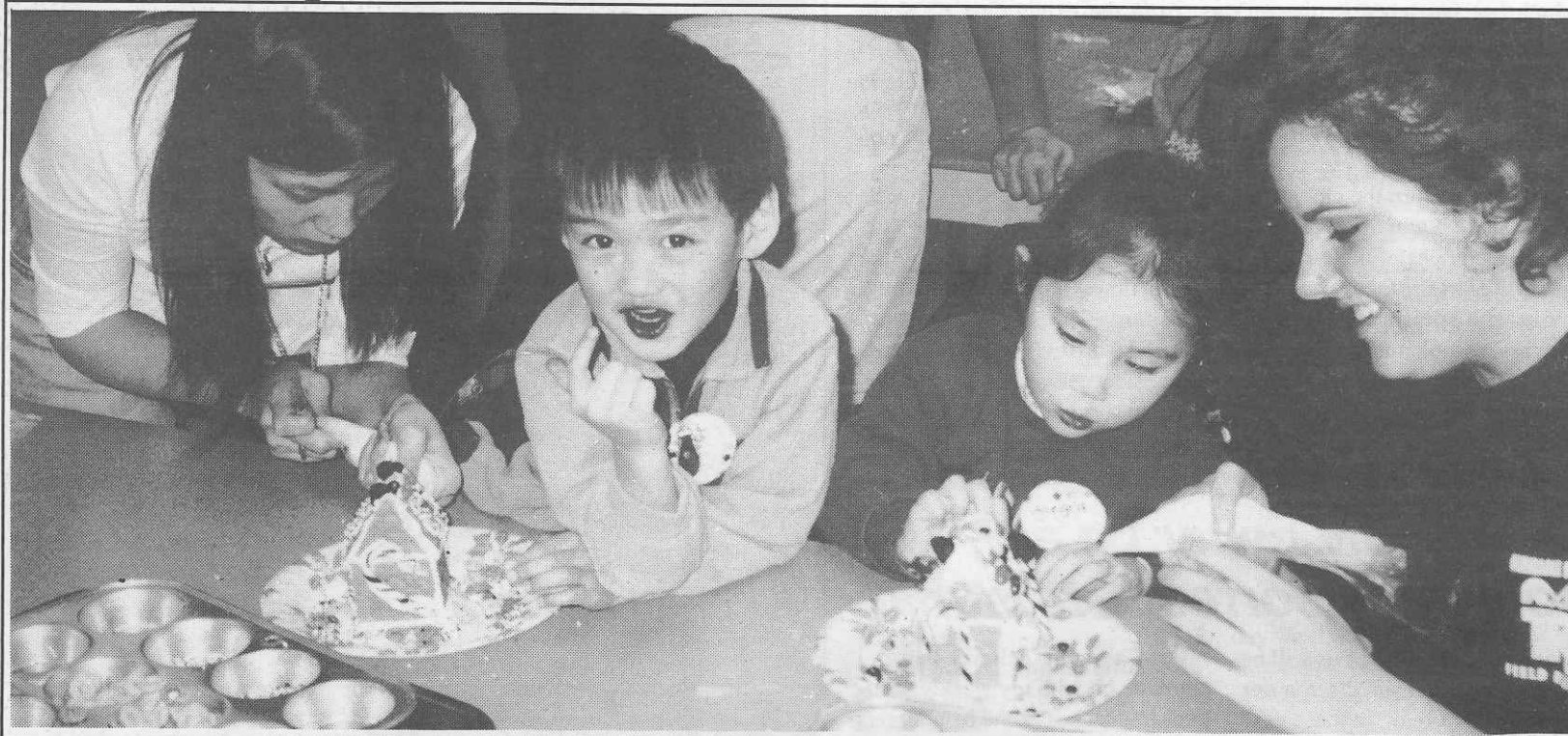


It's beginning to look a lot like...



Sneaking treats off gingerbread houses: Cherylene Wong, grade 12, and Amy Brookes, grade 11, from Carolyn Jennings Child Development class, lend a helping hand to preschool students, Trevor and Allegra, to decorate gingerbread houses as part of a class project.

Jessica Ross, photo

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Hampers to be delivered tomorrow by council

JESSICA HEATH
staff reporter

Non perishable food items, gift donations and money were collected by 'A' block classes up until December 15. Thirty-two food hampers were filled to be donated to less fortunate families this Christmas season.

Tomorrow, a small group of members from student council will be personally delivering the hampers to the homes of the families aboard a school bus driven by Wayne Reid, counsellor.

The bus, which will be transporting the students as they sing carols, will be decorated in colourful strings of lights and tinsel.

The families, which were provided for Gleneagle by the Burquitlam Lions Club, all live within the tricity area.

Every family will receive at least one box of food, as well as a turkey, donated by the Lions Club. Each hamper will also include a tube of toothpaste which was donated by Kathy Hess, home economics teacher, whose father is a dentist.

"This year the hampers are going a lot better

because students have really dedicated themselves to achieving great hampers," said Laura Renfrow, grade 12, head-coordinator of the drive.

Phil Wright's grade 12 Comparative Civilizations class was responsible for the largest family, which included two parents and five children. His class was able to fill over four boxes, as well as collect one hundred dollars. Each student was urged to bring in at least five dollars.

"Mr. Wright continually nagged our Comparative Civilizations class to contribute to our large family. I think the hampers are a really good idea because we know that the food will be going to less fortunate people within the community," said Michelle Kumar, grade 12.

All of the hampers will be organized by student council tomorrow, during block 'A' in gym C.

Boxes not yet filled will be completed with items from the five boxes donated with the purchase of dance tickets. Student council will also be responsible for buying gifts with the money contributed by staff and students.

According to Erin Myles, grade 12, member of

student council, "The hampers went really well. There were lots of classes making a lot of effort and who came back for more boxes. Each family will receive at least one box, but we would rather make a difference for the families during the entire Christmas season by donating possibly two boxes."

Two members of student council, Geoff Stewart, grade 12, and Ashley Mikolik, grade 9, also ran a drive called the Angel Tree. They were provided with the names of fifty children, from Share, whose parents would not be able to afford presents this holiday season.

For students and staff willing to donate a gift, a tree was set up in the library covered with paper angels displaying the name, age and gender of needy children.

Gifts will be collected up until December 17, when they will be given over to Share, who will be delivering the presents to the children within the community. The Angel Tree is not associated with the food hampers.

Pauline Fleming, physical education teacher, personally contributed six, heaping bags of food to the hampers in the P.E. department. "I donated because I appreciate where I am in life and I just like to take time to recognize others who are not so fortunate. That's just me, and I am very thankful to be happy and healthy."

Class sews mittens for hampers

ANITHA MATHWU
staff reporter

Mittens sewn by grade 9/10 Textiles and Clothing classes were placed in twenty-four of the thirty-two hamper boxes that were prepared this holiday for people in need.

Planning for these mittens were arranged by Kathy Hess and her sewing class three weeks in advance.

When the mittens were completed, Hess' class contributed them to Marilynn Simms and Gleneagle's student council to be put into selected hampers which are to be sent out to families within the community tomorrow.

According to Hess, the students have put out a, "Very good attitude," and she feels that the enthusiasm and support of the class goes over really well. Grade 9 student, Chantelle Kielinen, added to the spirit of giving and said, "It's a good thing because you get the chance to help out people who aren't as fortunate as you are."

In addition to this, the Gleneagle tradition follows because on December 13 and 14, Carolyn Jennings' Child Development 11/12 class invited pre-schoolers from around the community to decorate gingerbread cookies and houses. Her class also made Christmas tree ornaments which were then placed inside of various hampers.



Paul Odernatt, photo

Showing their gifts: Members of Kathy Hess' Clothing and Textiles 9/10 class model their hamper gifts. Back row: Dina Setijawan, Haley Newman, Jalesha Tmana, (row 3) Diana Phelan, Shannon Rogers, Jen Pagan, (row 2) Tara Bierle, Ashley Nessel, Crystal Wills, Sandra Bahrini, (front row) Caitlin Sherriff, Kars Bennett, and Annie Tran.

Altered schedule tomorrow: December 17

Block A	8:30-9:10
B	9:15-9:55
C	10:00-10:40
Wings	10:45-11:00
D	11:05-11:45
E	11:50-12:30

Classes will be 40 minutes with 15 minute wings for locker clean-out. District buses pick up at 12:30.

a view from the edge

Century put in perspective

As we venture into the new millennium we are bombarded with songs and commercials shamefully pleading us to let their product lead us into the future. You cannot visit a store without knocking a year 2000 display over. When all the glitter and confetti are swept from the streets, and life goes on, all we will have left is a thousand years worth of memories.

Much has happened in these years, from the exploration of North America to the conquest of Mars. There have been wars and sinking ships causing massive casualties, both of which inspired box office hit movies. A thousand years ago women were not considered people, but now they hold jobs ranging from lawyers and doctors to professional wrestlers and recording artists.

If we were to turn the clocks back a thousand years, we would not be students at all, but married couples punching kids out at an alarming rate, in desperate hopes of them surviving, so they will be able to help in the work on the farm or family business. Disease, illness and ignorance would leave us with a drastically shorter life expectancy. The issue was survival.

Now as we look into the future our hopes and worries lean more towards technology advances, and medical achievements. Even going into the twenty-first century we are all still fighting to survive. Longer and more fulfilling lives await, that is unless the world does end on the stroke of midnight.

There may never be a politically correct Christmas

Tomorrow all 1600 of us will be set loose into the streets for our annual winter break. In these next two weeks we will all have different agendas.

Many will be running around malls in last minute, gift buying desperation hoping, to discover the perfect material possession for that special someone. Others will be busying themselves by doing nothing at all, sleeping until it is time to get up and open presents.

The religious aspect of this time of year must not be forgotten, but how can we when it is lurking everywhere we go?

From the angel topped Christmas tree in the front entrance of the school to the tales of Jesus Christ being sung by the Gleneagle choir, Christianity is all around us.

We talk of diversity and tolerance towards other cultures and there is even an entire week dedicated to this practise. But now in this time of year set aside for giving and understanding we neglect those who are different.

I am a strong believer that if I continue on with my weekly sacrifices to the gods of the hamburgers that I will be saved from the looming threat of the killer chickens on their way from Mars. So where is my song, where is my promise of a white Hamismus?

Truth be told I do celebrate Christmas and have all my life. I too jump on the annual band wagon of festivities and family time every year, and have no plans to stop. It frustrates me to think of how my holiday choices are shoved

down the throats of my fellow students. It is my decision to rejoice on the 25 of December, so why is it assumed that others wish to take part in this?

In our school's population I promise that there is at least one student who doesn't wait for Santa in the celebrations of Jesus Christ's birthday. So why is it that the school is being represented by the views of Christianity?

There has been a separation between school and religion for quite some time now, yet once the holiday season comes around we throw that all out the window.



Jessica Ross
edge columnist



Hillary Grant
edge columnist



Dangers of baby sitting will pay off this new years

Sitting in someone else's house, with someone else's kids, on someone else's couch, watching someone else's video, on someone else's T.V, on New Years Eve Doesn't sound all that great but, throw in a thousand dollars and that suddenly changes.

A thousand dollars makes everything brighter and nicer, doesn't it? All of a sudden, whining, screaming, and "Babysitter, I'm hungry," doesn't sound all that bad.

Don't get me wrong, I like kids. They're nice to have around... sometimes but, everyone knows having

three rambunctious five year olds, who have had enough sugar to last a life time, running around the room in capes and hats, bouncing off the furniture, and sliding on the wood floors, at 11:30 p.m isn't all that great.

And the kids are out to get me. Forget about being born to populate the earth, these kids were born to torture me.

There's going to be crying, wailing, and screaming. It will be a whole *Home Alone* thing where they attack me. They're in control and they know there house better than I do. I'm at

the disadvantage.

When I send them to bed I know they're sitting up there plotting and planning, waiting for the perfect opportunity to tie me up with the skipping rope they got for Christmas and gag me with the new sweater they got from their grandparents. They're up there waiting, waiting for me to come and check on them just to make sure they're away in dreamland. Then, they'll strike; with their guns and Nurf machine guns. You can just see it: Balls and machine balls flying through the air.

It's about time I'm paid what I'm worth. I'll never babysit again unless I get paid \$1000 ever ni

Letters to the editor

The Edge prints letters that are brief, signed, and free of libel. Letters can be dropped off in Room 112.

Non smoker feels smoking rule goes unenforced

I'm only a new student at this school so correct me if I'm wrong. I

heard at the assembly at the beginning of the school year that smoking is not allowed on or around school property, plus the mini-mall. In fact, you have to get some ways away from the school in order to smoke. If this is the case, why do I walk up the stairs by the field only to find that almost every other day, (sometimes rarer), that there are one or two smokers at the top of the stairs?

I, a non-smoker, am not trying to slam smokers or the administration, but am concerned that our non-smoking policy is not being properly en-

forced. I think the reason people smoke there is because it's a quiet spot. The trees behind the school make it difficult to see through any window on the floor to see what's going on. The stairs beside the field make a good spot to smoke.

I'm hoping that any member reading this letter can help enforce this rule to make our school a 100% smoke free environment.

Adam Advocaat
grade 10

High price on 'plastic silverware' causes students to go forkless

Man has this school become money hungry. We already have over-priced burgers at the cafeteria. Now, we have to pay for the plastic silverware. Though it is just five cents, I usually don't bring any money to school and I do not care to.

Call me a poor boy but I do not care. Since I usually don't buy, I sometimes have to scam a fork, which

is hard to do. This is because the cashier sees me, I can't eat lunch.

I could bring my own fork home but I usually forget to bring it home. I hope many other students are in the same situation. So please deal with this.

Devon F. Garwood
grade 9

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you said it!

"What will you be doing on December 31 and January 1?"



"I'm probably going to stand outside of a bank machine in case any money starts spewing out."
Cam McLean, grade 10



"I'm going to the Northpole and getting jiggy with the elves"
Erin O'Melinn, grade 11



"I'm walking out on the frozen Heffley Lake, lighting a bonfire, drinking champagne - moderately - and singing Ave Maria."
Dennis Secret, Vice-Principal



"I'm going to live for the moment, start my soul, my morals, my beliefs, and everything that's been sacred to me over again so that I may acknowledge my individuality as something of a higher being."
Anna Bonderoff, grade 12



"The transit bus is free so we're gonna cruise into the millenium."
Greg Papove, grade 10



"I'm babysitting five kids and making close to \$1,000."
Ashley Nessel, grade 9



"I've got all my clothes freshly cleaned in case the Lord comes down to judge me."
Tyler Oates, grade 12

Were the protesters at the WTO there for themselves or to protest legitimately?

"Democracy was not shown in Seattle during these protests. Instead it was communism covered by a shroud of blue uniforms and shiny badges."

The World Trade Organization conference in Seattle sparked mass protests, rioting, and stalled discussions. The WTO deserved this because it promotes free trade.

Protesters, numbering in the thousands, marched the streets. I think the protests against free trade were needed.

The WTO praises a world where trade barriers are torn. They advocate a world without boundaries, where everyone lives better due to global unity. The picture the WTO paints appears good, but when investigated, their motives are far from decent.

Companies, like Nike and Adidas, advocate for free trade so one day they control the world market of shoes, obtaining a monopoly. Monopolies only result in lower quality products. People need shoes, no matter what. If one company controls the shoe business, everyone will have to purchase from them. In free trade, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

Global superpowers will also benefit the greatest. If free trade is granted, the US could control countries dependent on it for milk and electronics. However, these economic reasons were not the only reason for the protests. The large companies who vouch for

such trade are often part of inhuman treatment. Many use child labour and overseas employees to make their products.

The WTO promises it will look after these people, but there is nothing in their charter securing this. The protesters wanted human rights to be a part of any trade collaboration.

The WTO has not concurred with demands, not only showing they are about money, but that human rights is not an important enough issue to be discussed and investigated.

The protesters should have our sympathy, for the treatment they received. The police brutality was disturbing, yet glorified by the media. I grew up in a communist country where police marched the streets with batons, and set a curfew. They beat anyone who dared show their face.

The police behaviour in Seattle reminded me of this. I came to this country to have freedom of speech, and frankly, the police showed that not only was freedom unacceptable, but that because you protest, they have the right to jail and beat you.

Democracy was not shown in Seattle during these protests. Instead it was communism covered by a shroud of blue uniforms and shiny badges. The protesters had every right to protest.

If the WTO came to Vancouver, or any other city, people living there should rise up and fight the injustice of free trade. Free trade will end in nothing but the globalization of rich companies, and economic warfare.

"I hate all protestors because most of them are vegetarians, environmentalists, on welfare, and are professional protestors, just out there to 'stir things up.'"

The first time I heard of the World Trade Organization was two weeks ago when I heard about the riots down in Seattle or, "the Battle in Seattle." When I heard a description of the group, from a person not in support of the meetings, I thought they were a great group and asked what was wrong with them. They're trying to lower costs for you, the consumer.

He replied that countries would have monopolies on certain industries and that they would use them wrongly, such as controlling prices and placing embargoes on countries.

I have a wake-up for everyone who thinks this, it's already happened. Arabian countries have a monopoly on oil, and control all the prices. If you will look back at the 1973 oil crisis, you will understand this.

I personally hate all protestors because in my opinion most of them are vegetarians, environmentalists, on welfare, and are professional protestors, just out there to "stir things up."

The stereotype I am talking about are the people that protest the killing of animals but support the killing of babies, abortions. Even though I feel this way there is nothing wrong with protesting peacefully, but these people are not protesting peacefully, destroying shop windows, vandalizing in general, and tormenting people. Peaceful protesting is needed, it has brought about some great laws and policies in our society and government.

These protestors attack the police and don't

expect to get hurt, or arrested, in return. This is the same as an average person going up to a professional wrestler and insulting him to his face, which the protesters do to the police,

not expecting a response. These people should be jailed for their interference with the police officers job.

It is a really sad thing when you get to the point where you wouldn't be able to attend a protest without any kind of violence going on.

I am sorry for the people that were truthfully there to actually protest these meetings, because their pleas and ideas were overshadowed by this group of trouble makers.

I was watching one of the protests live in one of my classes and a group of these protesters were making peace signs with their hands but were hurling insults at the police while they were only doing their jobs. When a police officer cracked down with force upon the arrogant protester, the whole class cheered.

I saw one of the APEC protesters on a television newscast, and he only further proved the existence of the professional protesters, who is dressed like a skid and is only at the protest to get on television. If you took away the cameras, there wouldn't be a protest.



Martin Wlodarski
edge columnist



Clinton Tiessen
edge columnist

Holiday gift giving: having a present on Christmas morning a must

Time is running out. Panic-stricken people crash into each other, their eyes glazed with out any destination in sight. Watching the crush of people from his cushy throne, a bloated, red-faced man with a cottony beard laughs in amusement.

It's Jolly Old St. Nick, chuckling as shoppers run like hamsters in a maze, in the annual search for that "perfect" gift.



Sheena Urquhart
edge columnist

Beware the evil menace: Holiday shopping. For me, there is nothing more stressful than holiday shopping. Goodwill towards men? Ha! The way some eighty-year-old women behave in department store toy aisles...the things Pokemon do to people.

But, alas, it is unavoidable; waking up Christmas morning without a gift to give is not an option. Imagine the horror of having to tell my mother,

the woman who suffered through forty-seven hours of labour, that I do not have a thing for her. The very thought sends shivers down my spine.

But are there any viable excuses? As someone who has faced such fears, I present from my large vault of pathetic excuses, those which I once thought to be my most believable:

1) Shortage of funds. So the cash flow is not, uh, flowing. Contrary to what some may think, gifts cost money. The cut-throat world of burger-flipping is not an easy realm to enter on a whim.

What a sad way to wiggle out of

gift-responsibility. Dear mother will pounce on it, sating that a handmade tea-cozy resembling a purple chicken would be - pardon the pun - heartwarming. In short, "it's the thought that counts."

2) Lack of talent. So my hand-eye coordination is not stellar. But Daddy dearest should sympathize, because, while granny did sit down to teach me how to knit, I've never made anything recognizable. And, well, I don't mix well with hammers and nails. Motor skills can't be perfected for Christmas.

3) No time. Being the conscientious student I am, when I have free time, I study, and have no time to head to the mall in search of a gift. Surely good grades are enough of a present.

Instead, mom hears the pathetic whines of a selfish child. After all, this school is a mere block from the 100-plus stores of the mall.

There are not any excuses for being giftless this holiday season. 'Tis the season of giving and thou dost give. But hurry, there are only nine shopping days left.

Gifted class presents 'Night of the Notables'

SEAN O'MELINN
staff reporter

Eminent person studies were completed and exhibited by the Gifted 9/10 English/Science class, November 29. In order to host the event, each student had to study an important person in world history and learn everything about that person.

The purpose of the event is to allow students the opportunity to learn what made the figure they chose eminent, and use that knowledge in their own lives.

The project was totally student directed as the teachers of the class **Diane Silzer** and **Quirien Mulder** did not see the projects until the night of the event according to **Rebecca Sinclair**.

"The focus is to find out what made that person eminent and present it," said Silzer, gifted teacher. The night started out with a question and answer period for the grade 10's, who had to take on the persona of the individual

they chose.

A display of the learning center on each eminent person followed. The favorite food of the eminent person was served as well. This varied from ginger bread cookies to fortune cookies. Speeches from each of the grade 10 students preceded the display.

Held in the library, each speech was between 3 and 5 minutes and again in the persona of the eminent person.

The evening is considered a success. "[It was] fabulous. I was quiet touched by the sense of eminence I got from each of the students," said Silzer.

One of the favourite presenters was David Dicken as Napoleon. "He was so into his role; and he spoke French," explained Read.

The gifted class will use the experience gained from this activity to prepare for their In-depth Studies which will occur later in the year.



Looking into the face of a greater good: Juliana Kan, grade 10, stands proudly as she exhibits her tribute to Harriet Tubman at this year's Night of the Notables

Efrin O'Melinn photo

Coquitlam Center comes to Gleneagle in search of six new employees

MARTIN WLODARSKI
staff reporter

Students from Gleneagle were interviewed for six janitorial positions by a Coquitlam Center representative December 1.

Rob Ormerod, a representative from the sub-contracting company in charge of janitorial work at the mall, Marquise Facilities Management Corporation, said that he visited the school because he was in need of six part-time employees to work weekends at the mall.

"The job will be given to 3 males, and 3 females," said Ormerod.

The candidates picked for this position work for about 15 hours total on weekends, and are paid between \$7.50 to \$7.75 per hour.

The candidates selected work only through the Christmas holidays. One of the three men and one of the three women will then be selected for continued employment with the company, Marquise Facilities Management Corporation.

"I'm going to be looking for students who want to work," said Ormerod. "Those who do (want the job) will come and do the interview. That's one of the first signs of a good employee."

J.T. Whallen, grade 12, was one of those hired. "I really wanted this job. It would give me some extra money for gifts and presents for my family. The job will also give me experience with working with people," Whallen said.

Alexander St. John, grade 12, another successful candidate said, "This job will allow me to work with people ... to interact. It's something to do."

Both of the successful candidates said that this was not their first interview.

"Most of my experience came from my work experience that I did as part of the grade 12 CAPP program," said Whallen.

St. John said that he too felt that working in a real job as part

of work experience helped him during the interview.

"I wasn't nervous. I had done an interview before, so I didn't feel like I was on the hot seat," said St. John.

Both Whallen and St. John started work on December 4.

After the interviews, Ormerod said that Gleneagle was one of the finest he had visited.

"All the students that I talked to had a real desire to work," said Ormerod. "This is the first school that I came to in this district, because Brian Lewis

really helped me get this organized. He was the driving force behind this and without him this could not be possible."

For those applicants who did not receive a job this year, there is always next year, according to Ormerod.

"I'm going to pass my opinion on this school along to my superior and more than likely we are going to be back next year. This school is one that is definitely worth coming back to," he said.

Three multinations club members win top prizes in Canada-wide diversity poster contest

JESSICA ROSS
staff reporter

Multinations Club members took home the top three prizes in the diversity poster contest held last month. The posters were to be eleven by seventeen inches and were supposed to show what unity and diversity means to you in a creative poster.

Jee-yu Ha, grade 10, finished in first place, taking home \$250, **Grace Yu**, grade 11, came in second, with a prize of \$125 and winning third place was **Jessica Chun**, grade 10, earning a \$75 cheque.

"Students must be challenged to see beyond strictly

multicultural or ethnic issues, and explore also those issues of socioeconomic status, disability, gender, age differences and sexual orientation," said multicultural club advisor **Debbie Bouska**.

The prize money and certificates were issued November 30 at Douglas College. Here both poster winners and essay winners in a similar contest were awarded in the psychology room.

Chun's painting was of a disabled girl with no arms looking at a fish tank marveling at the many different colours of the fish, as she wonders at all fish and their differences. "Most people think of race when they think of intolerance and

not disability," said Chun.

First place winner Ha's poster showed a face containing many different parts of many different people joining together to form a single person.

Yu, placing second, drew a reflection of a person in water with a cloud floating overhead. The cloud was shaped as people holding hands.

All the winners have hopes to enter more contests if they come up. "It pays to enter these contests," said Bouska, "kids are so busy with extra curricular activities that they don't enter contests." The contest promotes unity and awareness of racism, the contestants believe the poster represent this.

Cream puffs prompt paper blockade around balcony

SHEENA URQUHART
staff reporter

Sections of red paper blocked off part of the upstairs balcony last Friday in an administrative effort to improve "safety awareness", according to vice-principal **Ken Lemmen**.

According to Lemmen, in recent months, several students have been known to throw objects and food over the balcony railing, creating safety hazards for those walking below.

The paper was taped up after an incident where two cream puffs were launched over the railing, narrowly missing a teacher,

said some students.

During the change between blocks B and C, Lemmen and fellow vice-principal **Dennis Secret** stood near the area, answering questions and asking for the responsible persons to come forward.

Most students however found the incident not to be very appalling, according to **Dennis Belkin**, grade 11, and **Justin Frei**, grade 11.

"I think that at the age we are at, we don't really have to do these pranks anymore, but for some reason we still do. I know that I wouldn't want to be hit with a cream puff as I walk up the main stairs!" Frei said.

"I understand that people throw things, but putting up paper around

the main foyer, just seems stupid to me," said Belkin.

"When I first heard about people throwing cream puffs I laughed," said **Tyson Sully**, grade 11.

Lemmen said that if someone had come forward to claim responsibility, the paper would have come down immediately.

However, Lemmen was not approached by the person or persons who had been holding the cream puffs before they fell.

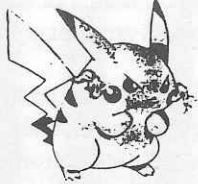
After the change from B-block to C-block was made, Lemmen and Secret took down the paper without much notice from students in the area.

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Vastness of country appeals to Swiss exchange student

CHANNDIKA THAYVER
staff reporter

Her passion for travel and her idea of Canada's vast greatness has led Nicole Darbellay of Vevey, Switzerland to leave her family behind for one year and become an exchange student to find out for herself whether Canada is as magnificent as the stories say it is.

It all began when the Darbellays decided to act as a host family to exchange student Meaghn Sullivan of British Columbia.

"Meaghn used to tell us things about Canada; things about the mountains and lakes and stuff. It made me really want to go and see what this was all about. I wanted to learn English too."

While admitting that she changed her mind a lot while deciding on where she really wanted to go, Darbellay said that her passion for skiing drew her to the wonders of the British Columbian mountains.

She also said, "I do volunteer work as a lifeguard in Switzerland and the lakes here sounded really nice so, that made me want to see it too."

When she applied to come to Canada as an exchange student however, she was told that there were no more host families available here. When the Sullivan's heard of this, they decided to be her host family for the year.

Living here has been quite the experience, according to Darbellay. "Everything here is much more spread out than things are in Switzerland."

"There, you can walk everywhere and you don't need a car as much. It's a 15 minute walk to the shopping centre and the mall, which is in the middle of the town, is not big like it is here.

Also, there is a lot more public transportation there. The buses come every 10 minutes and the trains come every 30 minutes.

The country is about the same size as Vancouver Island; you can cross the whole country in five hours by car."

Vevey, Darbellay's hometown, also the home of the Nestle products headquarters, is renowned for its involvement in 'The Festival of the Winegrowers'.

The festival takes place every 22 years for a period of three weeks.

"The main event of the festival is a play acted out by volunteers from the area. My sister was in it this year as a character from a dream scene and she had to go to a lot of rehearsals."

Also, the actors stay in costume and in character for the whole three weeks of the festival even when the plays aren't in session.



Preparing for a parade: (clockwise starting from left), Darbellay with sister Sandrine and Marion Curchod just before Festival of Winegrowers parade

The event is really huge. It gathers a lot of people; thousands even. They're all in the town, every night. Even people who wouldn't go out every night are out every night."

Vevey is also the neighbouring town to Montreux where Europe's

most famous jazz festival is held every summer.

Aside from this festival, Darbellay says that major differences she has noticed between Swiss culture and Canadian culture are the size of things.

"Everything here is so much larger."

The second major difference she sees between the two cultures is in the preparation and flavour of foods. "You have a lot of instant food and potato chips here."

"There's more actual cooking in Switzerland rather than microwave cooking.

Also, there are so many flavours in foods like potato chips here and it feels like it's being overdone sometimes but, it's always good to have choices."

Swiss Christmases are slightly different from Canadian ones as well, according to Darbellay.

"When I was decorating the Sullivan's house with them, I couldn't believe how many decorations there were."

"There aren't as many decorations in Swiss houses and not very many people put up lights around their houses.

In my family, in Switzerland, we've never had a fake tree at home. We have a real tree with candles on it."

Despite these differences, however, Darbellay says that she loves the decorations.

"When I go back, I'm going to put lights all over my house. It'll be the only house that's decorated so much but, I don't care."

This Christmas, Darbellay will be staying home with the Sullivans and having dinner with them along with her extended host family.

"I'm not seeing my family this year but I'm not too upset about it. I was prepared for that from the minute I applied for this exchange year and it is worth it."

Came for Canadian experience, stayed for sixty-nine cent cheeseburger Sunday

CLINTON TIESSEN
staff reporter

Gleneagle's doors hold three exchange students from abroad. One in particular comes from Denmark. Jens Dyrelund, grade 11, is an exchange student from a small village called Lejre, Denmark, not too far from Roskilde.

Right now Dyrelund is actually on a one year break from school because in Denmark during grade ten they have a break between attending elementary and high school. In Denmark they have an elementary school that goes from kindergarten to grade nine, then they take a year off school during which they can do what they would like. Some kids choose to attend preparatory schools to get prepared for high school.

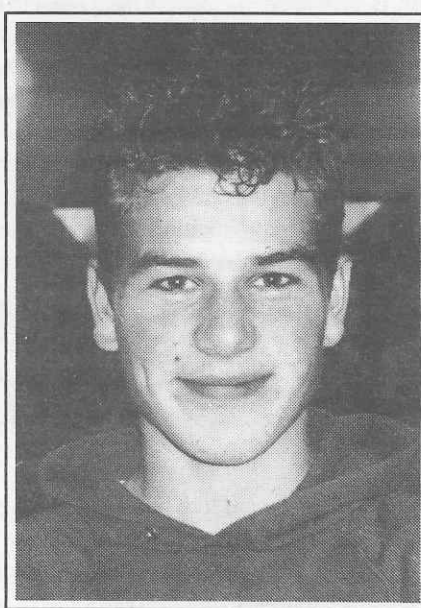
After their elementary school they attend high school for three years.

Denmark also has a different grading system, using numbers instead, with a 13 being the equivalent of an A+, then a six or below is a fail. Dyrelund commented, "In Denmark school is much harder than here." To in-

crease the difficulty of the schooling in Denmark, they have three extra letters besides the normal alphabet.

Dyrelund had a choice to go to many countries of the world. He narrowed down his choice to Australia, New Zealand, or Canada. He chose Canada because he wanted to go to an English speaking country and wanted to be in an American style culture. He is here with the AFS intercultural exchange program to Canada.

When asked if he enjoyed Canada and it's culture he replied, "Yes, I



Jessica Ross, photo

Jens Dyrelund

Dyrelund is staying with the Mannettes, who have a child attending this school as well. He spoke about his host family in good terms, saying "I enjoy living with the Mannettes."

Dyrelund will be experiencing a different, but same, holiday this year; Christmas. In Denmark, Christmas is celebrated on the 24th. Danish kids also have a week long break during autumn called, "Efteraarsferie" which is translated as the "Autumn Holiday."

Also they have a tradition during the Christmas season where they burn a piece of a candle every day up until it is all

gone on December the 24th. One of the many traditions that both Canadians and Danish people share are advent calendars.

There are many different cultural differences between Denmark and Canada, but at heart we are just the same, and proof of this is Jens Dyrelund. You couldn't tell that he was from Denmark if you didn't hear his thick accent. Dyrelund loves it here in Canada, but still misses his home, culture, and family back in Denmark.

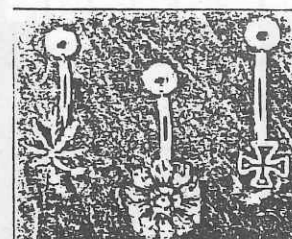
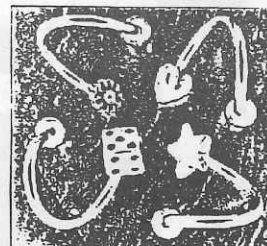
enjoy Canada because the fast food is cheaper." In Denmark fast food outlets, such as McDonalds charge twice the price of what it is in Canada. A burger here may be one dollar but over there they would charge two to three dollars.

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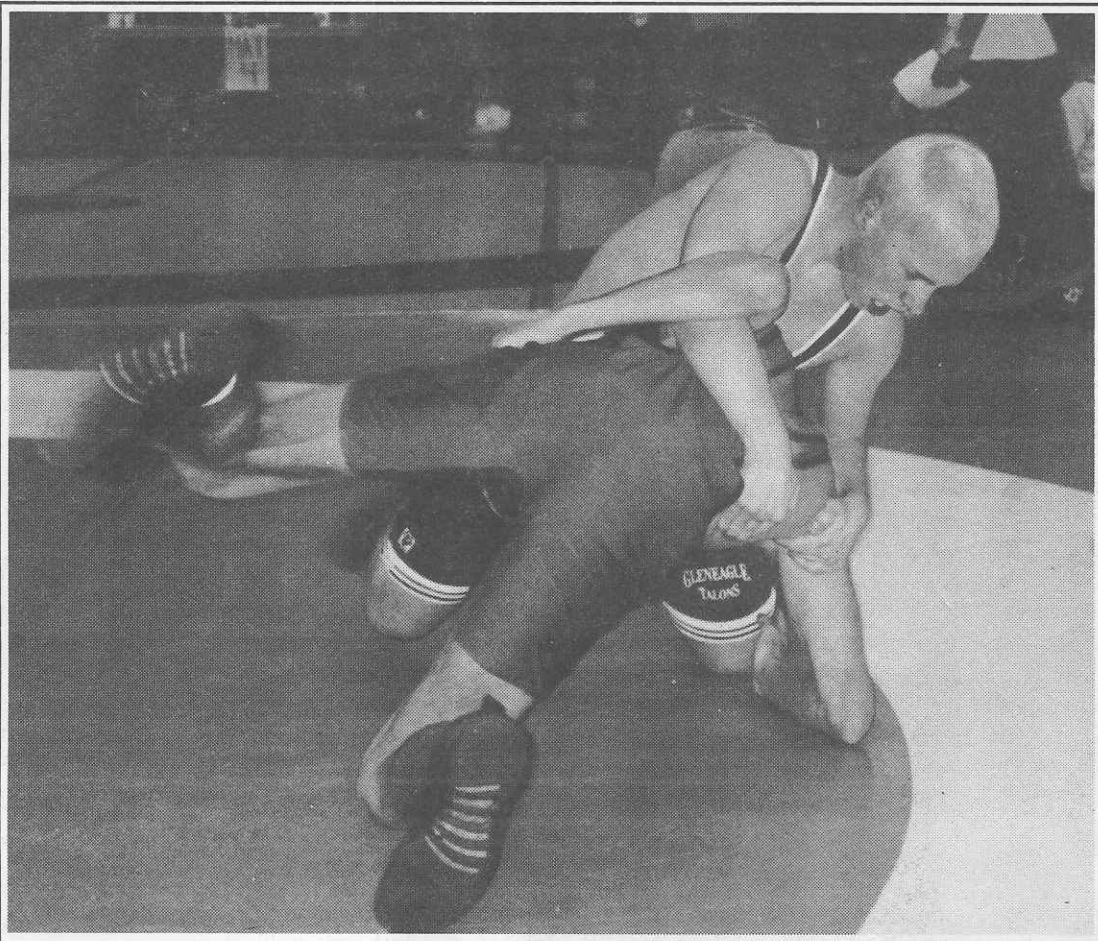
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Wrestlers take places in all weight divisions during 'War on the floor'



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Going in for the win: . . . And he does it! **Allan Morrison**, grade 10, wrestles and wins against Langly Christian's **Andrew Rystamp**, at Pinetree on December 10.

CLINTON TIESSEN
staff reporter

Many wrestlers placed in the tournament, "War On the Floor," that took place on Friday December 10 and Saturday December 11, at Pinetree Secondary.

Sean Rodgers, grade 11, took a silver medal in the 70 kilogram, in the senior division. **Alan Morrison**, grade 10, recieved a gold medal in the 66 kilogram, with the junior division.

Chris Sameshima, grade 11, place fourth in with the 60 kilogram, senior division. Sameshima commented on his performance, "I thought that I

did pretty good, and I learned a lot about what I need to improve on. I worked hard to get the placing I did, and recieved a good placing. I think that I will be prepared better for any further competitions."

Veronica Rodrigues, grade 10, got fifth place in the 56 kilogram, junior division. **Brendan Ross**, grade 11, placed 7th in the 66 kilogram, senior division.

Doug Mancell, coach of the team, commented on the team's performance, saying, "We have a very young team who are still learning, The experienced wrestlers did incredibly well. We are a team in the building process."

Michelle Lagace, grade 11, com-

mented about the team, "We have a great team but most of the players don't want to show up for practice. The committed wrestlers do well."

The team is generally doing well according to the players.

Coach **Mark Tustin** commented on how the team did saying, "All the players did well and worked hard. I am extremely pleased with the placing of **Brendan Ross**. He is probably the most improved player on the team. **Morrison** and **Rodgers** medals were because they worked hard and it paid off for them. They gave it their best and it showed in their results."

Girls B-ball optimistic despite bleak outlook for season

AMANDA GIENE
staff reporter

A tournament played by the Sr. Girls Basketball team last weekend starting on Friday, December 10, until Sunday, December 12, was in Delta at Steveston. They ended up with one win, in their second game against Semiahmoo, and two loses, in their first game by five against Steveston and in their thrid game they lost by 12 against Fleetwood park.

Altogether, this placed them in sixth out of eight other teams.

Team all-stars according to Thompson were **Kari Horntvedt**, grade 11, **Patricia Kretz**, grade 11, and **Darcie Burns**, grade 11. Selected tournament all star was Gleneagle's own **Hornvedt**.

The team started out with a bleak future. **Sonja Hausner**, grade 12, who left the team, said to Coach Thompson, "The team isn't going to go anywhere."

"The chances of getting past the Fraser Valleys are pretty remote," says Thompson. Most of the teams that will play are in the Provincial ranking and four of the ranking teams alone are in Gleneagle's district.

"Basketball is not like most other sports. Not all people can play it. The game requires a dedication to develop the necessary skills that most people aren't prepared for," said Thompson.

In the beginning, the team would have had 13 girls to compete for Gleneagle. But other things were more important.

Megan Jones, grade 12, **Jen Cawston**, grade 11, **Chrissy Serraglio**, grade 12, and **Hausner** all left the team before the first game.

The first game was Thursday, December 9, in which they lost by five points, to Seaquam. Coach **Rick Thompson** brushes that off due to "Early game jitters."

The teams still has high hopes though. "We have lot's of potential and we are a hard working team. If we work hard as a team we can go somewhere," says **Burns**, who also adds that, "We had a good start. If we keep building on top of that we can do well."

The team played again on Tuesday December 14, against **Thompson Haney**. At press results were not available. The team plays again this afternoon at Pinetree.

Seven boys take team to eighth in B.C.

CHANNDIKA THAYVER
staff reporter

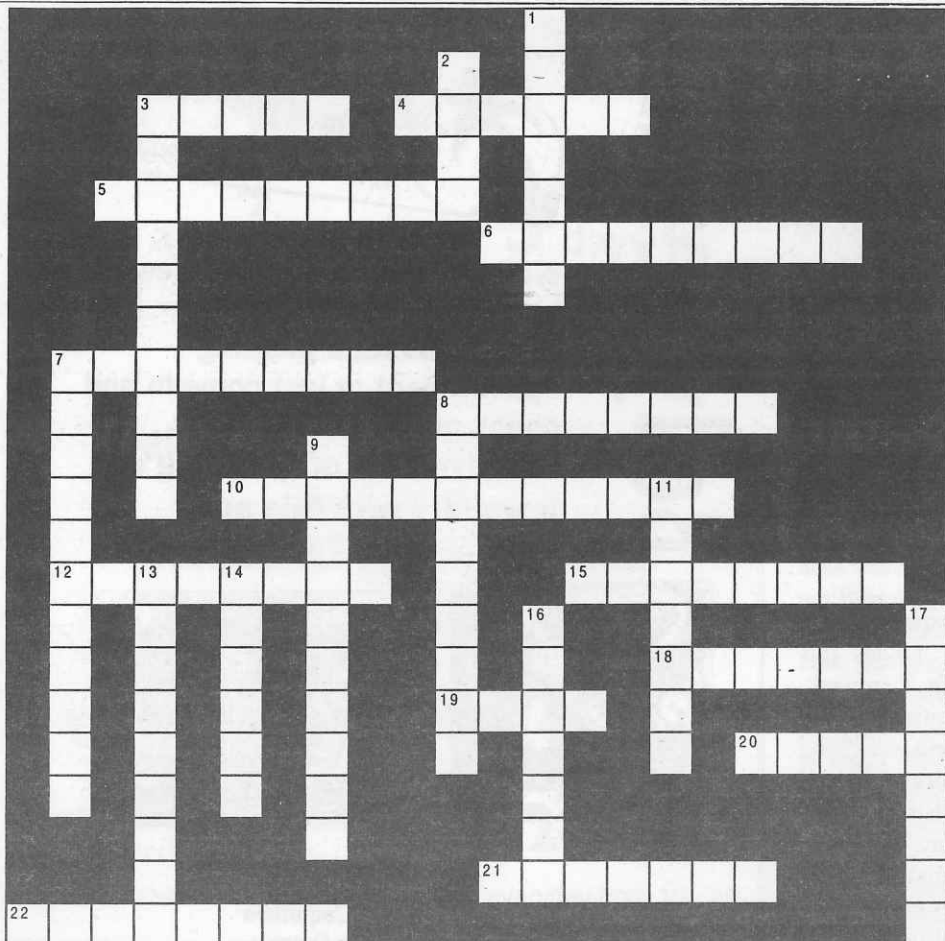
After winning their last game of the tournament against **Walnut Grove**, the senior boys volleyball team managed to place eighth out of 100 teams in this year's B.C. Championship, that took place November 29 to December 5, in Kelowna.

According to coach **Sanjeev Sidhu**, "Our only drawback was a loss in the Round Robin. We played **Delta** and we lost a game we could've won. They finished 2 places above us but I think we could've finished closer to them."

Sidhu also said, "We had probably gotten as good as we were ever going to get. It had been a long

season, [the players] were tired and we only had seven guys. There's not much you can do with seven guys and we weren't one of the best there but, we beat a lot of teams people didn't think we'd beat. I'm not at all disappointed and I think the team did a fantastic job. I wouldn't trade going to the provincials for anything."

According to player **John Guinto**, grade 11, "We did okay. Of course everyone wanted to win right but, we did only have like seven players. It was hard and we did whatever we could. I'm just happy that we made it to the provincials and that we placed well."



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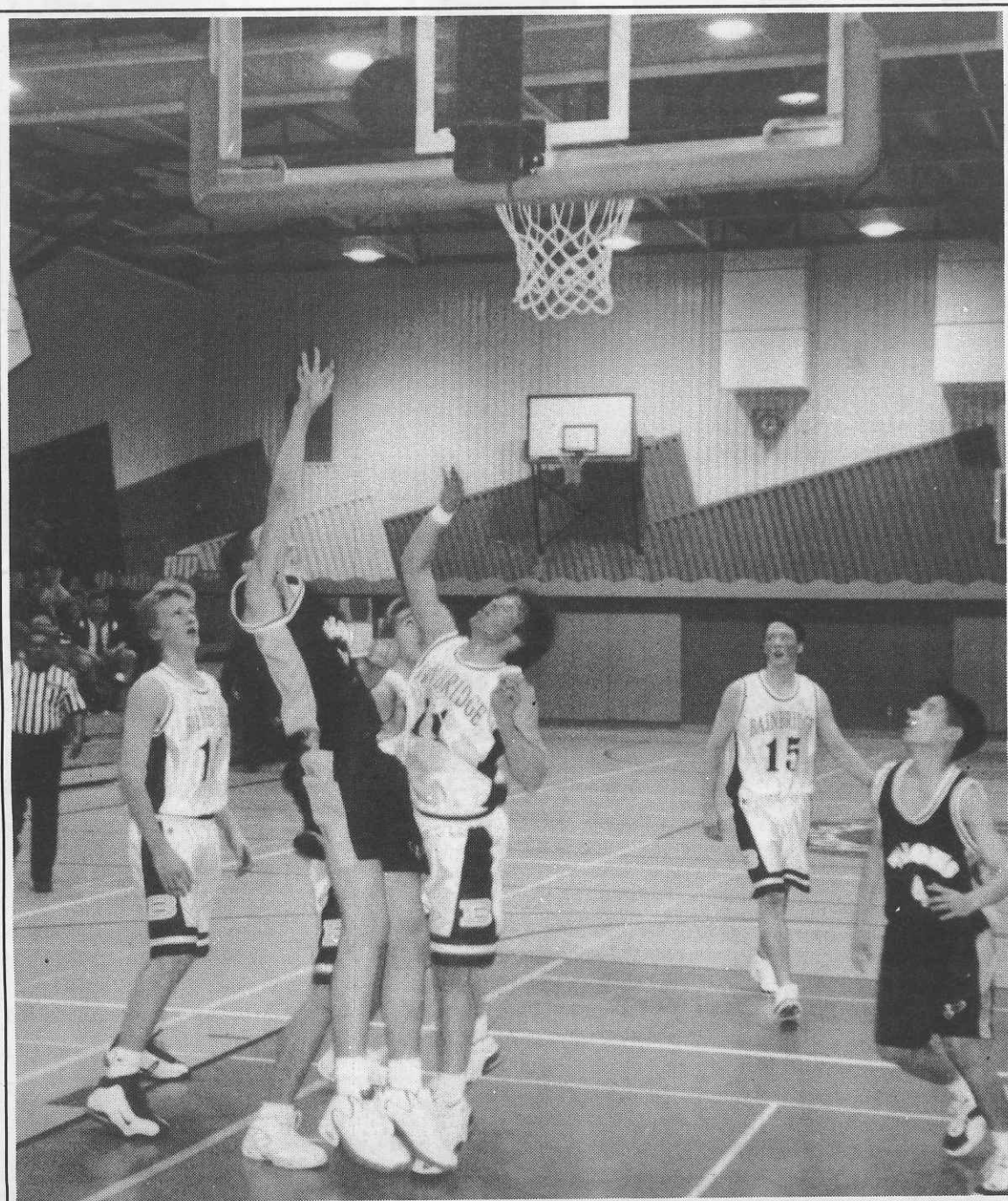
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In the air: Mike Anderson, grade 10, puts two points on the board as Arvin Arenas, grade 10, waits for a possible rebound in the game against Bainbridge. Bainbridge has about 1500 students just about the same as Gleneagle, but had two of their seniors already signed up for the University of Portland and the University of Puget Sound.

B-ball teams face tough U.S. opposition

SEAN O'MELINN
staff reporter

After playing three games both the Senior boys, Junior boys and grade 9 basketball teams returned home from the Seattle area December 12. The tour involved Franklin High, Toutle Lake High and Bainbridge High. The Seniors finished the trip with a record of 0-3. The level of competition was far above they level of play they receive here in the lower mainland.

"They were really athletic, big and quick. They were nothing like the teams at home," said Justin McAleenan, grade 12.

From the games the team learned positive and negative aspects of their play. "The guys were in the lead when they played man to man defence, but we got killed when they switched to zone defence," said coach Doug Binns.

"Defence, passing and effort were all good during the games. Running our offence against those kind of teams will help us," said McAleenan.

Shooting, conditioning and the fast break were noted as some team weakness by team co-captain, Doran Turner, grade 12. "Justin, Arvin Arenas, grade 10, and Chris English, grade 11, all play well," added Turner.

The outing was beneficial for the team as it allowed them to bond and mesh as a unit according to McAleenan and Turner.

The Junior boys played with the same results losing all of their games but were able to gain experience.

"I think we learned a lot and will be bet prepared for future games and trips," said Trevor Bramble, grade 10.

"They played as hard and as competitive as they could," said Tony Scott, team coach, "Down there their whole focus is basketball. We aren't as committed as they are. We wanted to give them the exposure so they could get to the next level."

The Senior boys will be playing tonight at 3:15 against Port Moody and tomorrow at 3:00 against Fleetwood. The Junior boys will be play Friday at 12:00 against Burnaby. The tournament is hosted by the talons and is running from Wednesday to Friday.

"Since school is out early on Friday we'd really like to see some fan support for our game," said Turner.

The teams hopes for the tournament are high as they hope to finish well after the experience they gain from the weekend. "I want to come out on top, cause we have the potential to do well and carry over what we learned down it the US. That intensity should be carried over for the tournament and the rest of the season," said Turner.

"I'd like to get to the finals or win it. We'd at least like to give a good showing for the fans so they will support us during the regular season," said Scott.

V-ball girls place twelfth in provincials

JAMES FILIPPELL
staff reporter

Gleneagle's senior girls volleyball team placed twelfth at the Provincial Championships. The Provincials were in Kelowna and took place on December second, third, and fourth. In Kelowna for the championships were the top sixteen senior girls volleyball teams from B.C. Gleneagle's Senior Girls placed much higher than they were originally ranked.

The girls, said Wayne Reid, coach, were the highest placed local team. The team won games

against both Riverside and Burnaby North. They also finished higher up overall than both Riverside and Centennial. Riverside and Centennial were two teams that were ranked higher in the standings than Gleneagle before the Provincial Championships.

Reid feels that, "We played well, but not our best. We were competitive in every match but we needed to increase our intensity a little." He feels that the games were all really close. All but one of the games that were lost went into 3 matches and most of the games that were lost

were only by two or three points.

Sonja Hausner, Grade 12, team captain, is happy with this season's outcome. "We made it to the B.C.'s which no one thought we could do, and we got higher than what they ranked us," says Hausner, she's also happy at the fact that they beat Riverside and Centennial.

Reid also feels that the season was successful, he says, "It was an outstanding season. They [the girls] worked hard, the girls were conscientious, they were pleasant to work with, and it was a very enjoyable season."

Holyfield, Lennox fight still considered 'unfinished business' by promoter Don King

"Unfinished business" is what Don King touted about the rematch between Evander 'the real deal' Holyfield and Canadian Olympic champion Lennox Lewis.

The first time they met in the ring, March of this year at Madison Square Gardens, the match was called a split decision by the ring-side judges, in a fight that most thought was a shoe in for the pride of the U.K., Lewis.



Zac Wiltzen
edge columnist

Now, finally we have a unified, undisputed heavyweight champion, and a deserving one as well. Notable fighters such as Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno passed up huge paydays to avoid facing the 6'5" 240 pound Lewis.

Lewis is a confident champion, stating after their first match: "He (Holyfield) was not as good as I thought he would be." In any case, Lewis was given a good fight from Holyfield, who was a clear underdog in the opinion of many experts. The ageless superstar was all over Lewis in rounds 2-7, landing many devastating shots. Lewis' "84" reach and cannon overhand left was too much for the champ, who went 12

rounds with the bigger, stronger Lewis, who was awarded a unanimous decision after a world class boxing match.

Many are speculating that Holyfield has fought his last match, when asked, the former champ would not confirm nor deny that he will again return to the ring. But he may be the only heavyweight who can take Lewis, for Holyfield has what Lewis will never have, a killer instinct. The new champ has always won fights with his size and strength.

These traits have led Lennox to many victories, but he is unlike any of the past greats who were a mix of strength and a killer instinct.

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'End of days' marks end of Schwarzenegger acting slump

CLINTON TIESSEN
staff reporter

I went to *End Of Days* with a little trepidation, as it looked good, but there were questionable things I saw in the preview. Overall, it was an okay movie, although it had a few blasphemous parts that weren't needed.

The acting by Arnold Schwarzenegger was phenomenal considering the previous roles he has taken. His big acting debut in *Terminator 2* had set the tone for his future roles, but Schwarzenegger showed that he can play a dramatic role, just as much as he can play the hero in an action movie.

This movie was horribly life-

like, and made me think how about how much time that I had left until the new millennium begins.

One aspect that made it extremely lifelike was that the use of actual bible scripture, incorporating and basing the movie around it.

The only problem with the way that they used this scripture is that they figured that the devil arises from his gates at the end of every thousand years, when it doesn't say when that thousand years comes up.

For all that we know, that day could be May 23, 2427 and we would be waiting for the end of the millenium, and we would be at the end of days. The satanic rituals and other worshipping of the devil

bugged me and I felt that it wasn't necessary to the movie or plot.

Also the blaspheming and the slandering of God in this movie was unnecessary. When the "devil" said that God had let Schwarzenegger down and that God didn't care about Schwarzenegger's wife and child, my whole appreciation for the movie, up to that point, was wiped away, and started from scratch.

If you are planning on attending this movie, you should prepare yourself for the Satan worshipping skids, and the whole stereotype of Satan worshippers because there are too many of them in the movie.

Animation shoots to 'infinity and beyond'

SHEENA URQUHART
staff reporter

With better animation and more laughs than the first movie, the lovable toy-box crowd led by Tom Hanks's Woody and Tim Allen's Buzz Lightyear is back for an all new adventure.

Andy, Buzz and Woody's owner, is off to Cowboy Camp, planning to take Woody with him. But, alas, Woody falls victim to a torn arm, and is "shelved" until he can be fixed.

While Andy is at camp, his mother decides to have a yard sale, much to the horror of the toys. During an attempt to save Wheezy, a broken rubber penguin, from being sold in the 25-cent bin, Woody is stolen by a greedy toy collector, played by Wayne Knight (a.k.a. Newman from *Seinfeld*.)

Woody then discovers that in

the 1950's, he was the star of Woody's Roundup, a very popular, over-marketed children's TV show. He meets the old Prospector in-the-box toy played by Kelsey Grammer, Jessie, a spunky cowgirl with the voice of Joan Cusack, and Bull's-eye, his loving, adorable, doe-eyed horse.

At first adamant that he will find his way back to Andy, Woody begins to consider staying when he learns of the toy collector's plans to sell the group to a toy museum in Japan.

However, Buzz leads Hamm (the piggy bank), Rex, Slinky Dog, and Mr. Potato Head are on a search-and-rescue mission for Woody. On their journey, the group enters a toy store where they meet a group of go-go dancing Barbies with plastic personalities, a new and improved Buzz and Zurg, Buzz's arch enemy.

The story takes a *Star Wars*-like

turn when Zurg, who suspiciously resembles Darth Vader crossed with Skeletor from He-Man, battles the new Buzz, and well... I don't want to ruin anything.

Pixar and Disney's masterpiece has all the charm the first film did, thanks to lovable, "human" characters and witty dialogue.

What works so well for both films is that it brings to life every child's fantasy—that when they leave, their toys can walk and talk unassisted and that they are the centre of their toys' world. And it can take those who have grown up and forgotten their toys back to the time when nothing was more important than their favourite playthings.

Toy Story 2 takes what could have been just another children's movie sequel "to infinity and beyond".

'La Llorona' chosen for festival

CHANNDIKA THAVYER
edge reporter

One of two plays that represented Gleneagle at this year's MetFest been selected to participate in a provincial festival for the second year in a row. *La Llorona* was chosen out of five plays to represent the region according to Drama teacher and director Richard Dixon. "The play seemed to be of a higher quality than last year's so, it was very hard for the adjudicator to select one."

Dixon adds that, "There was a pretty constructive atmosphere at MetFest this year. People were coming together to solve problems associated with theatre which is what we want. The best thing about MetFest is that, something was happening beyond the ordinary."

We were experiencing the power of the stage move us intellectually and emotionally. It's a state of artistic ecstasy when you see people striving to make art on stage in front of you. It reaffirmed the power of theatre for me. Both plays were well done and [the actors'] strongest performances were at MetFest. The actors of both *Maria* and *La Llorona* rehearsed for a total of 150 hours for and at the festival."

Grade 10 drama student Shahdin Farsai agrees by saying, "The work we did really paid off. Near the end of the rehearsals, it was getting really stressful because the pressure to not screw up was becoming more intense. The work really paid off when the adjudicator chose our play as the most successful play."

Concert, ice skating plans set

JESSICA ROSS & SHEENA URQUHART
staff reporters

At press time the music department was planning their Christmas concert. "We wanted everyone to enjoy a night out, and not [have the concert] take up the whole evening," said Brent Hughes, music director.

The evening was set to include vocal performances from all three choirs. Hughes' treble jazz choir performed songs including *Let It Snow* and *The Twelve Days After Christmas*. Music director Evan Buecker's mixed-voice group sang *Cool Yule* and *Silent Night*, and an arrangement of *Gabriel's Message* written by Buecker.

Tomorrow night the music department will have its second annual ice skating party at Planet Ice for the winter season.

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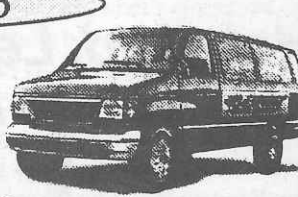
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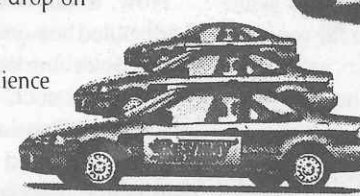
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