

## On his way to heaven...



**Making the best of the snow:** Last week's snow caused traffic snarls and late lasses for some, while Jason Fung, grade 12, enjoyed the white stuff on his board on a hill at the top of Lansdowne Dr.

## Viruses in school computers not a major threat

MARTIN WLODARSKI  
staff reporter

Viral infections have been detected in the computer systems of Gleneagle. According to Jodie Udell, Computer Studies Department Head, and Stan Marshall, Information Technologist, these viruses are nothing more than an annoyance.

"The problem that we have at Gleneagle is not at all serious," said Udell. Gleneagle, has been infected with a number of viruses since last November. These common viruses have infected the networks at Gleneagle and can be received from anywhere. They are also responsible for a few minor problems in the computers including random reboots, Microsoft Office products not loading properly, and some data corruption.

"Students should not be worried about corruption of data," said Marshall, "because in 99.9% of the corruption cases, we can recover your file without problems."

According to Udell, the viruses were most likely carried on disk from one computer to another or via email attachments.

To counter these viruses, a computer has been set up in the library to scan disks. "It is impossible for us to solve the virus problems at Gleneagle," said Marshall, "the only real way that the problem can be solved is if students check their own disks for viruses because, in most cases, a virus may be on a disk without the user knowing."

Adam McIntyre photo

The school has not been able to exterminate these viruses, because the majority of the computer systems are not equipped with a virus check program. According to Marshall, when the network was first being built, the idea of every computer being equipped with a virus scan was not feasible, because of budget constraints.

"If every computer were to be equipped with a virus scanner, it would be expensive, and the computers would boot up much more slowly," said Udell. Only the important areas of the school including the server and the schools office computers, are scanned once a week.

"It comes down to convenience," says Udell, "to run a virus scan every time at start-up slows all the computers down." The only real method to get rid of these viruses, according to Marshall, is daily virus scanning.

Udell says, "Even though we have a virus problem here, Gleneagle is one of the luckier schools. Riverside was hit badly with viruses. They wiped their entire computer network out." Both Udell and Marshall say that students should not worry, for as long as these viruses stay harmless then there is very little chance of any real data loss.

## upcoming events

Mon, Jan. 31: Exam Schedule begins

Week of Feb. 7: Report Card Distribution

Mon, Feb. 7: Semester Turnaround Day - No School

Tues, Feb. 8: New Semester

Fri, Feb. 25 Pro-D Day

## Student Council schedules events for exam week, early February

CHANNDIKA THAVYER, HILLAIRY GRANT  
staff reporters

Plans have been prepared for this year's Valentine's Day activities according to Saleh Tousi, grade 12 member of the Student Council. Valentine Lolligrams, which include a carnation, a lollipop and a tag will be sold at the kiosk for \$1.50 from Tuesday, February 8 to Friday, February 11.

According to Stephanie Gabriel, grade 11, lolligram coordinator, "This is a feel good gesture by members of the student council for the people in this school; not a money making scheme."

*Smooch the Snake*, an idea of Tousi's, will involve student's paying about a dollar to vote for teachers who they think should kiss Rocky, our resident boa constrictor. "We thought it would be a good way to get back at the teachers, especially Abrahm. Teachers who are allergic or deathly afraid of Rocky, like Mr. Scott, won't have to participate if they don't want to though," says Tousi.

Forms will be distributed to classes on the last week of January for students to fill out in order to

participate in this year's Computer Cupid match-making survey. These forms will be sent off to the Computer Cupid Agency immediately after they have been collected and will then be returned to the school on Monday, February 14. Students who wish to know their results must purchase them from the kiosk.

A dozen hearts will be placed underneath chairs throughout the school on Valentine's Day as well. The activity titled *Love Seats*, will allow students with hearts under their chairs to go to room 213 to collect a prize.

According to grade 12 *Love Seats* coordinator, Crystal Bluhm, the giving of these prizes is simply an act of good



**Asleep in the halls:** Cory McLennan, grade 12, Sharon Aharon, grade 11, hugs her pet seal Mr. Oror as Christie Brown and Erin Myles doze off in anticipation of next weeks PJ day.

Jessica Ross photo

will.

Student council will also be promoting Anti-Stress week, which is made up of theme days such as Pyjama Day, before finals next week.

Cory McLaren, grade 12 student council member, says that the aim of Anti-Stress week is to, "Promote a more relaxed atmosphere within the school so we can help take people's minds off of school, finals, provincials and what not, for a while anyway."

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## a view from the edge

### Illegal immigrants lied to, should be returned

What awaits on the other side of the ocean? Fame, fortune and a new life? Or prostitution, slavery and a cold cell? Over the past six months hundreds of immigrants have risked their lives travelling in rusty ships and cargo crates from China to Canada. Each brings along different preconceived ideas about Canada.

Promises of a land filled with easy riches and endless opportunities prompt their long and dangerous bi-continent journey. They expect a perfect carefree world but Canada is hardly carefree. The *real* Canada has drug problems, homeless people and is sometimes economically unstable. Instead of finding the best of Canada they stumble blindly into the darkest patch.

Those who are released by the authorities often face having to pay off \$40,000 debts to those who brought them over. These "snake heads" are gang members who promise the misinformed immigrants riches, but instead show them a life filled with crime and danger. Debts are paid usually through illegal means because the migrants are forced into gangs. Years of drug dealing and prostitution dwindle their debts until the refugees know no other life.

Who do we blame for these "snake heads" taking advantage of the immigrants? The Canadian and Chinese governments are to blame. Our government provides a safe haven for these activities and shouldn't be surprised when these migrants turn to crime to pay off their debts. The Chinese government turns their back on these activities for they are so heavily populated that they probably wouldn't notice if 1000 of its citizens got on a boat and sailed to Canada.

These criminals come into our country and our government spends our money on food, shelter and refugee trials for these stowaways. Instead of catering to their need we should send them back home and cater to the needs of our homeless and drug addicted citizens.

Imagine waiting weeks, months, years even to come legally to the brighter side of Canada, only to find these illegal immigrants slipping through the cracks in the wall of immigration. Everything the legal immigrants have worked so hard for and waited so long for, illegal immigrants have stolen. Much of this problem is based on blindness on the illegal immigrants' part. These "boat people" actually believe that for \$40,000 some criminal will take them to a "fairy tale existence."

If Canada were to return the illegal immigrants to their countries of origin, the message would quickly get out in those countries that Canada is not such an easy mark for illegal immigrants.

#### • letter to the editor

### Basketball story out of focus

In regards to last newspapers article on the senior Girls Basketball team, I have a few points I would like to make.

First of all you quoted Jen Causton as quitting the team, however, she never even tried out so she could not have quit. This is either taken from a severely inaccurate source or the reporter is assuming information.

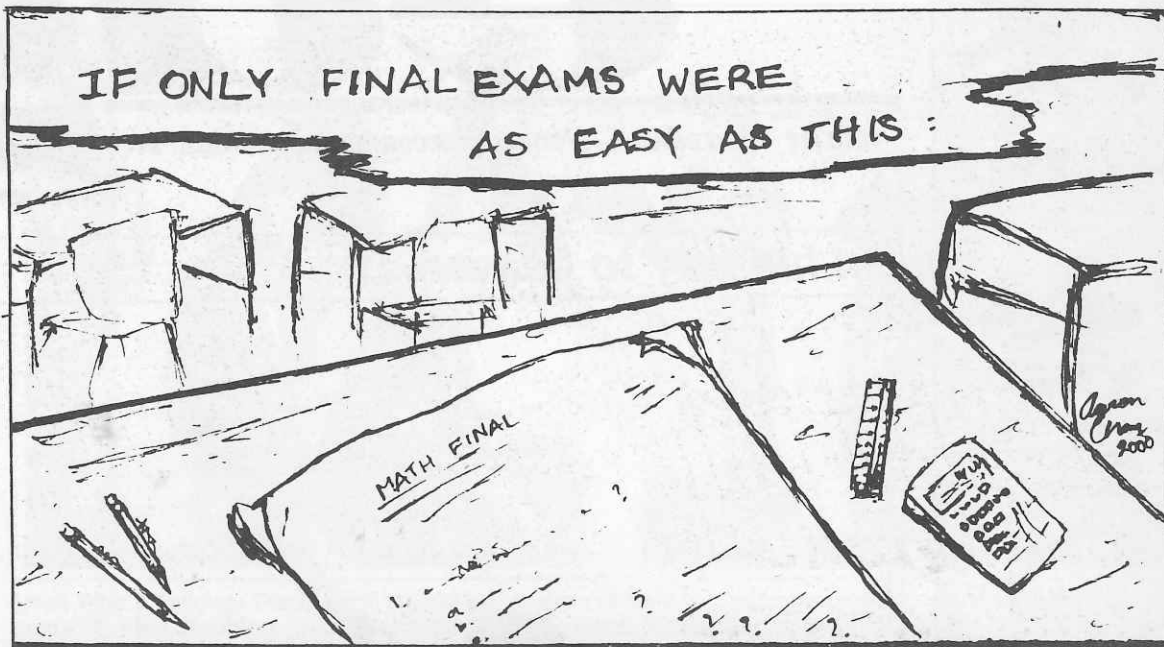
Secondly, it is quite apparent that our school doesn't have the strongest school spirit as it is. We're lucky to get 30 fans out to a home game without the newspaper quoting someone saying that "the team isn't going anywhere this year."

The school would never write about how poor the band was looking this year or focus an entire article on the musicians that quit. Instead, why not mention something about the nine other dedicated players on the team?

We may not be an all-star team, but we happened to win the first Senior Girls Basketball league game since the school opened, and have won two out of four game so far.

For future reference, check your information before you print it, and maybe try encouraging some school spirit before you destroy it altogether.

Patricia Kretz, grade 11



◆ What is the symbol on the Canadian flag? ◆

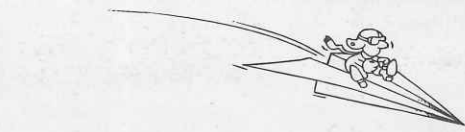
◆ A: Moose ◆ B: Maple Leaf ◆

◆ C: Beaver ◆ D: Bald Eagle ◆

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#### letters to the editor

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

### World Trade Organization protests not peaceful

I was intrigued to read the December 16th article on the WTO. Mr. Martin Wlodarski wrote that no democracy was shown in Seattle but it was communism covered in a shroud of blue uniforms and shiny badges. How can he say that it was communism? Communism is a philosophy that says all property belongs to the state. It isn't police walking the streets with batons and imposing a curfew. That is a police state, not communism. I don't deny that in some communist countries the police have powers equivalent to those of a police state, but that is not because they are communist.

Mr. Wlodarski also stated that we should have sympathy for these protesters. These so-called peaceful protesters caused millions of dollars of damage to the businesses and buildings of Seattle. How can we condone their senseless violence and vandalism? Canada is a country with laws, as is the USA. The police are there to enforce laws. This is the way we keep order in our society and prevent it from falling

into chaos.

Mr. Wlodarski wrote I came to this country to have freedom of speech and frankly, the police showed that not only was freedom unacceptable, but because you protest, they have the right to jail and beat you. This comment worried me greatly. Last time I checked Seattle's in Washington State, USA and we live in Canada. The police officers down there were American officers, not Canadian so the comment above is not particularly valid since it didn't happen in Canada nor did it concern Canadian law enforcement.

One of the things we need to

remember is that the police are there to help maintain order. The protesting in Seattle was anarchy. The police were well outnumbered and I believe did the best job they could. The notion that there were rampant savage beatings by the police is ridiculous. The so-called peaceful protests caused several injuries and millions of dollars of damage to buildings in Seattle. We as law abiding and respecting citizens of Canada can have no part in condoning that type of vandalism and destruction of property, especially on the scale we saw in Seattle during the WTO meeting.

Alan Stebbing, grade 12

### No to politically correct Christmas

I am not a student of Gleneagle, but a school board employee who reads your excellent newspaper.

I am writing in regards to a column in your December 16th issue by Jessica Ross entitled "There may never be a politically correct Christmas." I hope not!

One of the reasons that our holiday choices are "shoved down the throats" of your fellow students is because they and/or their families chose to live in a predominantly Christian country. The way in which we celebrate Christmas is a

Canadian tradition which we are entitled to hold onto. We are under no obligation to change our traditions for those choosing to live in our country.

You might ask your exchange students if they would like to change their customs if we chose to live in their countries. I think the answer would be an emphatic NO. I welcome newcomers to Canada but also wish, for my grandchildren, the right to continue to celebrate Christmas in our traditional way.

M. Staples, School Board Office

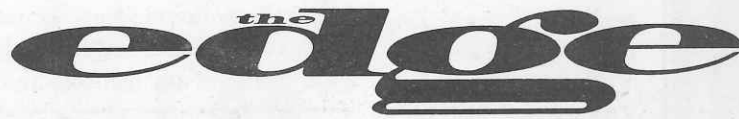
### Yes to politically correct Christmas

I was very relieved to see some attention brought to the subject of Christmas being a complete Christian holiday and that not everyone must participate in the festivities. I agree 100% with the edge columnist Jessica Ross in her article about Christmas never being a politically correct holiday.

To be honest, I was so appalled when I listened to the Gleneagle choir singing Christmas Bible songs. I thought maybe Mr. Hughes and Mr. Bueckert would have taken under consideration that not all

members of the choir are Christian or feel okay singing the religious songs. Even in the Edge crossword puzzle, I guess you guys couldn't resist, but put in this: Viewed as the traditional birthplace of Jesus. Well I think you get my point. I really don't think there is much we can do about this issue, but being a non-Christian I just don't become involved in Christmas activities that contain the whole religious aspect. Once again thanks for bringing attention to this matter.

Shahdin Farsai, grade 10



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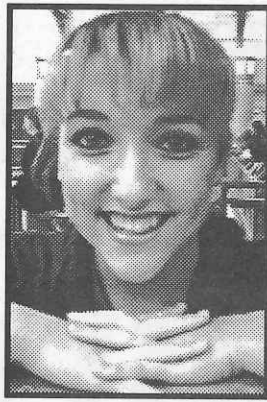
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## you said it!

**"How do you think Canada should treat immigrants who come to Canada illegally?"**



"I think they should be sent back because it is not fair to the people who take the time and effort to come here legally."

Ashley Bell, grade 11



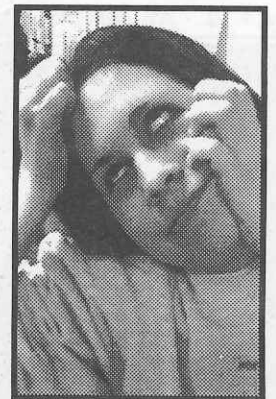
"Ship them back to their own country with criminal records, and a court date."

Ash Meier, grade 12



"They should send them back because they can not be kept under control."

Dae Sik Chung, grade 11



"I think Canada and the US should get more involved in China's employment policies so there wouldn't be such high rates of unemployment in China and we wouldn't have so many illegal immigrants."

Leah Clark, grade 10



"Send them back in a boat."

Dan Jaenicke, grade 9



"Hang them by their feet."

Kevin Reid, grade 11



"They should really send them back, but it would depend on the situation. Some of them really need help."

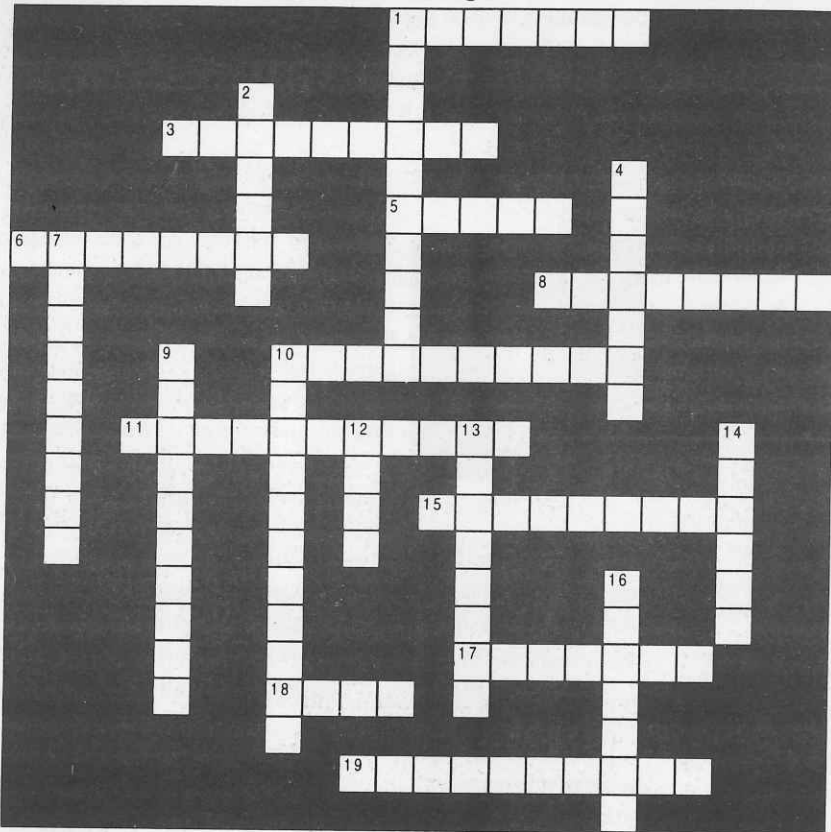
Kelly Suen, grade 9

## solve the crossword and win

Return your completed crossword puzzle to the box in the library by Blk. D to have your name entered in a draw for a \$15.00 Future Shop Gift Certificate. Staff of The Edge are not eligible to win.

Name:

Grade:



### Down

- The bible says "The final battle will be fought in a place known as \_\_\_\_\_"
- If you're in Grade 11 or 12 don't forget your \_\_\_\_\_ for exams
- Semester turnaround is on February the \_\_\_\_\_
- A well known millennium song "Will 2 K" is written by \_\_\_\_\_
- When teachers read your works of writing, they \_\_\_\_\_ them
- This day is when exams officially begin
- If you're studying at the last min, you're....
- This kind of year only comes around every four years
- Only six more months 'till \_\_\_\_\_
- A favourite wrestling star, and Jessica Ross's favourite (see page 5)

### Across

- This item is made by the company Bayer
- A favourite stress reliever from the cacao seed
- A major part of the English exam is the \_\_\_\_\_
- The average length of an exam (spell)
- Don't get caught doing this on any exam
- Grade 12's need this for Post Secondary education, it has grades on it
- You have to write these in your Gr. 12 year
- "Seize the day" in Latin
- Some of us feel plenty of this around exams
- It was nice to get some of this in January, unlike December
- \_\_\_\_\_ first said that the Earth revolved around the Sun

## We need white winters, snowmen, tunnels galore



James Filippelli  
edge columnist

"I'm dreaming of a white winter, just like the ones I used to know." I know that the song is supposed to be about a white Christmas, but maybe saying white Christmas stops the snow from staying all winter

We have had a bit of snow, but if I had it my way the snow would be at least 20 feet high and stay here all year round.

Think of it, we could have huge tunnels connecting our houses with places of business. The tunnels would be so big we could drive through them. The roads, side walks, and normally icy steps would be dry and we would be protected from all the elements.

I guess someone would have to do a lot of work to build these tunnels, but our unemployment would therefore be at an all-time low. Outside of the snow layer (or lair, which ever you chose) there would be lots of fresh snow. It wouldn't always snow, there would be sun and blue sky, but there would be fresh powder everywhere.

People would climb ladders up through snow tunnels to the surface and a snow-sport heaven. All types of terrain would be available for skiers, snowboarders, and snowbladers.

Those who want groomed runs, they're there. Those who want waist deep powder, it's there. Those who want exciting jumps, parks and trails of all kinds, you guessed it, they're there. For those people who want a quiet snowshoe off to some undiscovered place, start walking-you can go anywhere.

Families that are tired of running out of snow while building snowmen, need not fret, unlimited amounts of snow are everywhere. Snowball fights have their designated areas so no one is mistakenly hit, and those who like to suntan in the snow have also been thought of. There is an area with lounge chairs and even sun umbrellas. Every one loves jumping into soft piles of fluffy powder and it just so happens that those roof tops that are protruding make excellent launch pads.

I know what you are thinking: Is James sniffing glue again? How, you must be thinking, are we going to get enough money to pay the weather man to change the climate? My answer: a bit of everyone's school fees will go to the weather man, or woman, to convince him to change the weather. Wait, what am I saying? How can the weatherman change the weather? And 20 feet of snow wouldn't happen here without a weather change.

However, I do remember that back in the day (we're talking maybe ten years ago in grade two), the snow fell in November and stayed at waist height till February. I even remember that it snowed in May once. But I guess my waist height then is like my shin height now. And a few days probably could have seemed like a few months.

I also guess that March and May can get confused as the years pass. It appears that all my dreams of snow are shattered. My only hope is to pack up all my things and move to the Yukon.

## Grads prepare for June with photos

ANITHA MATHEW  
staff reporter

Graduation for the year 2000 has been headed off with photo sessions for all grade 12's between January 4-12. All students were

required to sign up for the date and time of convenience for their shoot before the start of the winter break.

The pictures were sponsored by Josten's photographers just like the previous year.

There were different photographers for the grad pictures almost every day for the nine days of the pictures.

Christine Garret, make-up and hair stylist said, "The work is fun but the day is a long one."

The crew from Josten's work on a shift schedule with a different photographer in the morning than in the evening.

The spaces for the pictures were booked from 7am to 9pm. Students shoot time took about ten minutes each, during which shots for the yearbook, the cap and gown and an optional outfit were taken.

The grad pictures included a \$50.00 deposit which would eventually be included in with the cost of the package desired by the student. The proofs for these pictures will be ready and distributed to students at school in the last week of January. The grad order day will be on February 10 and a week after, on February 17 will be the retakes. At that time students who missed the first shoot will also be called down.

Shabnam Zare, Grade 12, agrees that the staff from Jostens were very friendly and said "I can't wait to see how the proofs turn out."



Jessica Boss photo

The final touch, a bouquet of roses: Adrienne Wolfe patiently sits as the Jostens photographer adds an artistic touch. The graduation photos were shot between 4-12 January.

## Upper-cafeteria closed due to 'servicing'

JAMES FILIPPELLI  
staff reporter

Hanging on the door that blocks the staircase to the balcony above the cafeteria, is a sign that says "Closed for servicing." Despite this sign, no service is going on.

Ken Lemmen, vice principal, says that the balcony was closed around November 15 due to, "A number of students not behaving appropriately, throwing food and cups."

Lemmen was notified of the disturbance from a noon hour supervisor, a caretaker, and a couple of cafeteria workers.

For the first two weeks of November, Lemmen tried to make vis-

its and talk to students about the misbehaviour, but he felt it didn't make any difference.

Carolyn Gielen, grade 12, feels the school designers should have anticipated this behaviour.

She says, "If anybody was initially worried about flying objects from higher elevations, then they should have made the whole school one level!"

When asked if the balcony will ever be reopened, Lemmen said, "That area is essentially overflow for the multipurpose room if it gets crowded....the number of students [using the cafeteria] doesn't seem to justify opening it."

Students are now finding the seat-

ing limited. Franklin Rodriguez, Grade 11, says, "There is never enough seats around here, we need the extra seating [in the balcony]"

"People have their own groups of friends that they want to sit with, and there is not enough seating down in the main part," says Josh Carter, grade 12.

Lemmen also says that there is the need for extra janitorial duties and care taking costs when this area is open.

## School energy program aims to cut costs

SHEENA URQUHART  
staff reporter

In an effort to conserve energy and money, science teacher Quirien Mulder ten Kate is heading up "Destination Conservation", a part of a Canada-wide program.

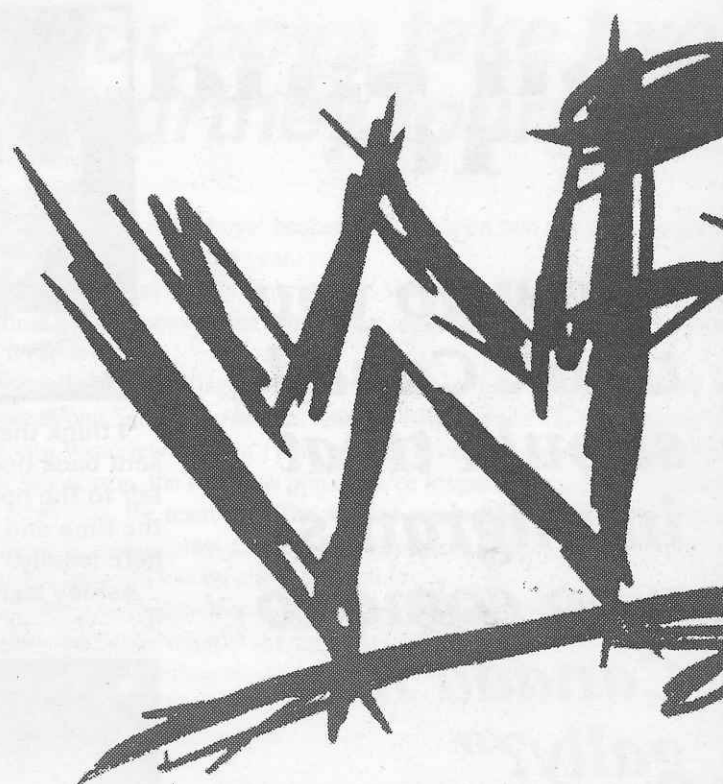
Mulder ten Kate took over from fellow science teacher David Foster, who began the program last year. Mulder ten Kate headed the same program at Minnehada Middle School.

Last May, the Sage Foundation, which runs the program, did an energy audit to find ways to save money. At press time, Mulder ten Kate did not have the results of the audit.

Energy-saving ideas have already been mentioned to staff, in a memo handed out to teachers Monday about turning computers off if they are to be left idle for an hour or more. Also, in the jackets of the last report card, there was a flyer concerning recycling printer ink cartridges.

Destination Conservation will begin at the beginning of next semester, when Mulder ten Kate hopes to have the Environment Club up and running. She said she wants students to feel like they are having fun while making a contribution to society.

The group's first meeting, for all interested students, will be February 17 at 3:30p.m. in room 204.



## Who's Who in the WWF

The most electrifying man in sports entertainment is met with an earth shattering "Rocky! Rocky! Rocky!" The Rock is sitting on top of many fans greatest hits list. The people's champion manages to cause great hysteria each time he saunters to the ring. Could it be his arrogant smile, sexy strut, mysterious eyebrow capabilities or maybe just maybe his pure and raw ability to lay the smack down on Jabronies.

Bottoming out in the federation currently The Game himself HHH. Hunter Hurst Hemsley greëting is a little less then school appropriate. He has held leadership over D-Generation X and maintained the championship belt but has also taken it upon himself to wreak havoc on the disobedient wrestlers.

D-Generation X proudly presents The Rock

Dogg Jesse James, the Badd Ass Billy Gunn, the New Age Outlaws. And you aren't down with that they have got two words for you and they aren't good job. These two have held the tag team belts many many times. Each has also gone out on their own to pursue different conquests over different opponents. From hard core matches, dog collar matches, king of the ring and no dq's the Out Laws are key in each weeks show.

Y2J came to the federation, from WCW, with colorful promises to save the WWF from it's otherwise boring agenda. Jerico, complete with bleach blond hair and pom tail placed directly on top of his head, enters each night with a count down to Y2J. Explosive follow and the fans go nuts. Despite an Intercontinental championship belt in hand Jerico seems to find joy in bringing down each co-worker.

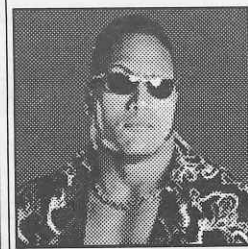
Chyna has been called the ninth wonder of the world. With her tight leather out fits and ability to fight one on one with the men in

business she tends to stand out. Unlike other women in the WWF she is by any means a small, weak mud wrestling member of the federation. Despite her split from a long partnership with HHH she has still managed to hold the Intercontinental championship belt.

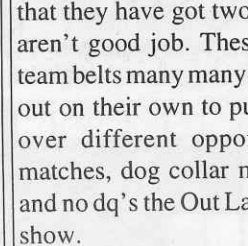
The Godfather lights up the crowd with his hoe train close behind. Inappropriate comments on women and drug use have caused this entertainer to be looked down upon by some views. Never the less male viewers long for the sound of the hoe train coming down the ramp.

Mankind, or sorry Dude Love, no wait Cactus Jack, although fired came back last week. New plots of bodily harm are set to be issued as fans wait in anticipation. Mick Foley, is said by fans to be the king of hardcore. Even though "Foley is God" according to signs held by fans, he spends much time to following The Rock around pushing for the rock and sock connection.

Too-Cool is new to the show. Scottie Hottie and Grand Master Sexy along with Rake Fatu give comical dance routines and devastating blows to opponents. Dressed to the nine in hip-hop gear these rappers drive the crowd wild with the moon walk their way into the r



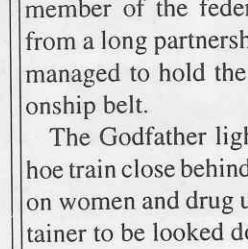
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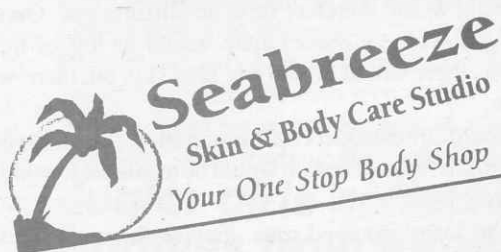


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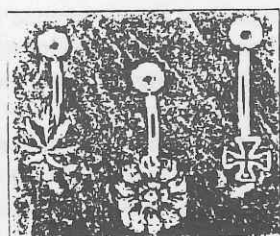
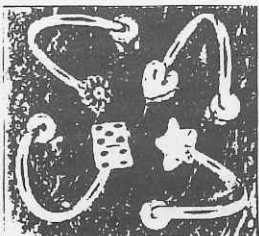


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# An in-depth look inside and around the WWF

## World Wrestling Federation draws massive crowds

The WWF has spread its wave of popularity all over the world. Millions and millions of people tune in every week for Monday night Raw is War, Thursday night Smackdown and Sunday night Heat. It's talked about in offices and classrooms every morning after the broadcast. It's pondered about in all its fans mind as to what is going to happen next. In a lot of cases catching the show is a priority in the fans life. It's gotten to the point where movie theatres are showing the live pay-per-view events.

So what's all the fuss about? Some people see wrestling as, 'a bunch of fat men touching each other in spandex' or a 'male soap opera'. Indeed it is, a soap opera that is. It appeals to people the same way a soap opera does. It has its many plots and characters with their twists and turns, and it's a form of sports.

The characters really are what pull people into the show. They all have their own personality, attitude and enemies. The beauty of it is that they are portrayed as real people who have reasons for hating and doing battle with their opponents,

just like regular people form their opinions on people. Whereas in other sports it's just a vs's type idea, play to win, not to get even or revenge. Humans are into that, revenge, power and being on top.

The idea of the WWF brings a new meaning to not getting along with the people that you work with.

The idea of just a bunch of people not liking each other and fighting is a start, but there is much more to the story lines. There's a place for love and lust and deceit, and even more room for attitude. Just like real life, that the fans deal with. Sure the

plots can go a little far at times, beyond what an average viewer deals with but it makes it all the more interesting.

For example, Stephanie not marrying Test and being married to HHH. It's happened before I'm sure. Ivory freaking out and taking every move from a guy so seriously and telling Kane, whom then goes to beat on the problem. Same old story of a jealous boyfriend dealt with every day in life. The Godfather and his gang of Hos. It goes on.

People lie all the time to get what they want. The McMahon family

in the WWF have told their fair share of lies. Shane abducted his own sister, turning his back on his father. Vince being behind the Corporate Ministry the whole time. Stephanie chasing her whole family out of the WWF after her marriage to HHH. And Linda making Stone Cold CEO of the WWF; her husband's worst nightmare.

It is all life, just like in the soap operas.

The only difference is that an option to deal with the problems is to beat it away, in other words beat their opponent in a match.

## Wrestling toys, must-haves fetch top dollar from dedicated fans

From action figures to c.d.s, Video games to a quik cam, the WWF has cornered all the parts of the market.

With toys ranging from \$4.99 for a Buh Buh Ray Dudley, extreme Championship wrestling figure to \$30.00 for a Titan Tron Live playset with a Vince McMahon action figure. Toys R Us along with its WWF ShopZone is a leading place to get into the toys. WWF has created a wrestling ring with twin catapults. This beauty features two catapults that will send your figures flying over the top rope. Yours for only \$21.99.

Other figures such as a 12" figure

of the Rock or the Undertaker go for about \$15.96. The WWF also gives its fans a chance to be the WWF Champ, with a \$14.95 purchase of a WWF World Title Belt.

The music of the WWF is very important to the show. For between eight and fifteen dollars anyone can feel the presence of their favorite star with their entrance music. WWF the music volumes 2,3 and 4. But if you're looking for the original album, Music With An Attitude is available in a limited box for anywhere between thirty-eight and forty-one dollars.

The video games range in price

depending on the system bought for, but there are quite a few different games out every year. As for the quik cam, now you can have all the attitude of the WWF, by pasting your picture on the body of a WWF superstar. All that fun and enjoyment for your PC.

Videos, T-shirts, caps, screen savers, mouse pads, anything you can think of, the WWF have its share. Lunchboxes, and schoolbags, owned by children whom aren't even considered mature enough to watch the program. The WWF is definitely sweeping the nation and all surrounding nations at that.

## Columnists road through ring to politician

To pursue my career in politics I am going to join the World Wrestling Federation.



Clinton Tiessen  
edge columnist

if a wrestler did they would be heckled for it, exactly like a politician. Politicians get up and tell a bunch of lies just like the WWF wrestlers.

There are parties such as D-generation X, or the Corporate Ministry just as in real life with parties like Reform and Liberal. These parties struggle for power similar to political parties trying to take the most number of seats in Parliament. Also, elections and Pay-per-view have the same thing in common, hype.

Something else that they have in common is the common put downs and trying to get at each other's throat that occurs in both wrestling and politics.

Bill Clinton's time in office has been led on from one scandal to the next, and the wrestlers are always

surrounded by scandal, whether it be Stephanie McMahon's and Triple H being married as well as the new general managers of the WWF, or ex-general manager Vince McMahon's son denouncing the family name.

There is only one stipulation that I have when I want to join, and that is that there will be no Owen Hart Acrobatics, as I value my life and want to move on to bigger and better things.

After I finish off my career as a WWF wrestler I plan pursue the role Prime Minister. Right now, I couldn't see the present prime minister, Jean Cretien, doing a "low down" or "The People's Elbow" on someone, but I would bring energy to the cabinet, and that's the bottom line because I said so!

## Who really 'owns' the WWF?

Over the past year just like every other year, there's been a tremendous battle for power. Rewind to this time last year. The corporation was in power with Chairmen of the WWF Vince McMahon and his Corporation leading the way. The McMahon family started to have their troubles when Shane, Vince's son, starts to take power. Befriending the Undertaker, head of the Ministry, Shane begins to torment his family. Vince starts over, with the ones that trust him. Mankind, Big Show, Test and Ken Shamrock form the union to do battle with the corporate-ministry. A higher power is spoke of in the Corporate Ministry.

All the while a bitter rivalry is stirred up between Vince and the Rattle Snake, Stone Cold Steve Austin. Vince wants him out and tries to do anything in his power to do so.

The woman of the McMahon family, Stephanie and mother Linda, live their worst nightmare when the higher power is revealed. Vince. It seemed that the WWF was to be ruled by the dark side.

Stephanie McMahon got engaged to Test early in October, which enraged Shane. The family had pretty much gotten back together after the feud between The Undertaker and HHH. Shane sent his lackeys, The Mean Street Posse after Test any chance he got.

The wedding took place at a Raw is War taping. The service when as any other would up until the question arose. Is there anyone here who knows why these two should not be wed?

Que. HHH's music and Mr. Hunter Hemsley arriving down the ramp. A clip comes on the screen, twas the night before. There's Stephanie, drunk as a skunk, in a chapel, marrying none other than Hemsley.

Stephanie decided to try and make the marriage work. Test has lost the game. DX emerges with Stephanie, forming the McMahon-Hemsley Era.

Vince, Shane and Linda haven't been heard of since. Stone Cold has been out for quite a while due to a knee injury.

It seemed the WWF was going to shambles, DX called all the shots, set the matches, and won the matches, using all their cheating / disqualification strategies. The Superstars had had enough.

The chanting of Rocky, Rocky, filled the ring as the people's champ, the most electrifying man in sports entertainment television, none other than the Rock stood center ring with at least fifty other WWF superstars surrounded the ring.

Hunter and Stephanie were called out. Layin the smack down, The Rock, chosen as the spokesperson of the group, informed the happy couple that if all this monkey crap wasn't going to stop, they were all going to walk.

Once again the power in the WWF shifted.

# basketball roundup



Adam McIntyre, photo

Up for the shot: Justin McAleenan, grade 12, shoots for the hoop in the Senior boys game against Maple Ridge.

## Senior boys take two in Courtney tourney

HILLARY GRANT  
staff reporter

Last weekend the senior boys' basketball team won two out of three games at their first tournament of the year.

The tournament was held in Courtney on Vancouver Island, where the boys played three games – one against John Oliver, one against Windermere, and one against Westview.

"We played really well against Windermere and John Oliver, because we were quite strong," said team player, **Garrett Mula**, grade 12. "But during the game against Westview we didn't play too well because we were not prepared."

So far this season, the team has played three league games. The first game against Terry Fox, the team lost. The second, against Maple Ridge, the team won. The third was against Centennial. The game was played at home on Tuesday and the team lost by about ten points.

"We lost the game against Fox and they're ranked second in the province. We were clearly the better team in the game against Maple Ridge. We won even though we were not playing as well as we could have," said Mula.

"If we had played like we did during the games against John Oliver and Windermere, then I'm sure we'll do well against Centennial," Mula said before the game.

The senior boys basketball team practices up to four times per week and they also play two games each week. At every practice the boys' main three goals are concentrating on their skills, working together and becoming a unified team.

Mula said, "I think we are really coming together, and so far the season is going alright, we're a bit smaller than last year, but we do have skills, and I'm sure we'll do well this season."

**Matt Silvestre**, grade 11 team member, said, "We have to work on our consistency through the whole game, because when we let up, that's when we start losing games."

## Junior boys look forward to first tourney this weekend

HILLARY GRANT  
staff reporter

The junior boys' basketball team is looking forward to their first tournament, the Wellington and John Barsbie, being held in Nanaimo this Saturday and Sunday.

"I think the guys at this tournament are going to be big, so we have to go around them and take more shots," said **Trevor Bramble**, grade 10. "We are doing pretty good. We are starting to get the ball, everyone is working together, the offence is doing

well, and we are knocking down shots by the other teams."

So far this season, the team has played four league games; the first against Terry Fox, the second against River Side, the third against Notre Dame, and the fourth against Maple Ridge.

The game against Terry Fox was held on January 10, and according to Bramble, the team lost because it was their first team game. The game on January 11 against Riverside was lost by 7 points.

Later that week on Friday the team won their first game against Notre Dame. "The game against Charles Best was tougher than we thought it would be and the boys didn't play particularly well," said Prinster.

The team has competed in one tournament this season and is looking forward to the next two. The first tournament is being held in the gym tonight, tomorrow and Sunday. The boys will play their first game tonight at 6:30p.m.

The second tournament is being held at Garibaldi

game against Notre Dame.

Their fourth league game was held last Saturday against Maple Ridge and went pretty well according to Bramble, even though the team lost by 3 points.

"We're in a slump, and the only way to get out of it is for the guys to get out and make a commitment," said team coach, **Doug Binns**. "They need team defence and team offence to get out there and take control."

Bramble said, "For the end of the season I would like us to be a better club and to get more into the games, and win more."

## Grade nine boys first in district, undefeated in three games

HILLARY GRANT  
staff reporter

Shooting into first place in the district, the grade 9 boys basketball team has started the season making their coaches proud, according to **Mark Prinster**, team coach.

The team has played three league games winning all. The first was against Montgomery Middle with a winning score of 67-48, the second was against Charles Best with the score of 48-41 for the boys, and the last was held against Moody Senior on January 13, where the boys won 45-32.

"The reason we won is because of all the good coaching," said **Marcus Ho**, grade 9. "They're

## Junior girls collect two trophies from tourneys

JAMES FILIPPPELLI  
staff reporter

Trophies were collected by the Jr. Girls Basketball team at two of the last four tournaments they attended.

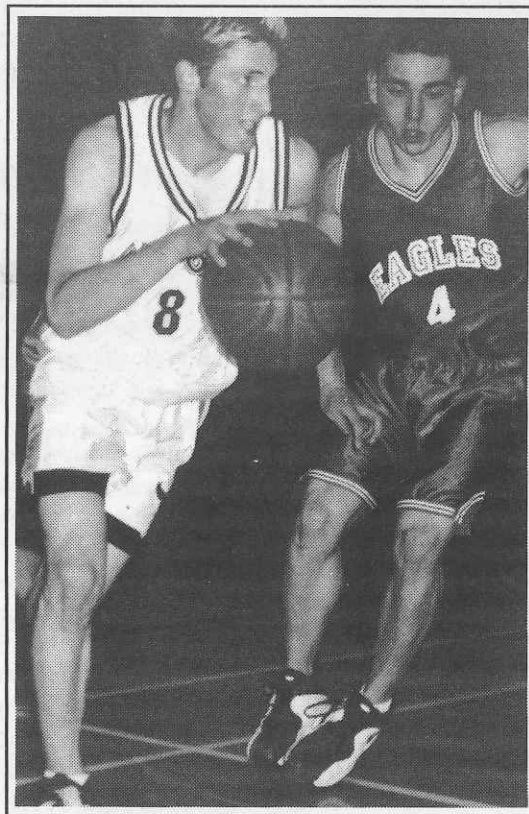
The girls placed third at the tourney in Victoria from January 14 to 16 and beat Terry Fox at a tournament in Chilliwack.

**Patty Anderson**, team coach, says, "The kids are really successful. We are the little team that could."

There is one tournament left for the girls in Richmond on February 4 and 5. There are also ten games left in the season and the playoffs in the middle of February. The team is on the courts, either practising or playing games, 5 to 6 times a week.

"They are improving with every game they play," says Anderson, "for such a tiny team, they are doing outstanding."

Anderson feels that the team will have a nice surprise at the end of the season, and that the girls will beat teams that they didn't believe they could beat.



Jessica Ross, photo

Making a break: **Garrett Mula**, grade 12, rushes by a player from Johnson Heights in a game that Gleneagle went on to lose.

## Senior girls face two games before finals

JAMES FILIPPPELLI  
staff reporter

Gleneagle's Senior girls basketball team has a record of 2-3 and has two more games to look forward to before the league championships on February 9.

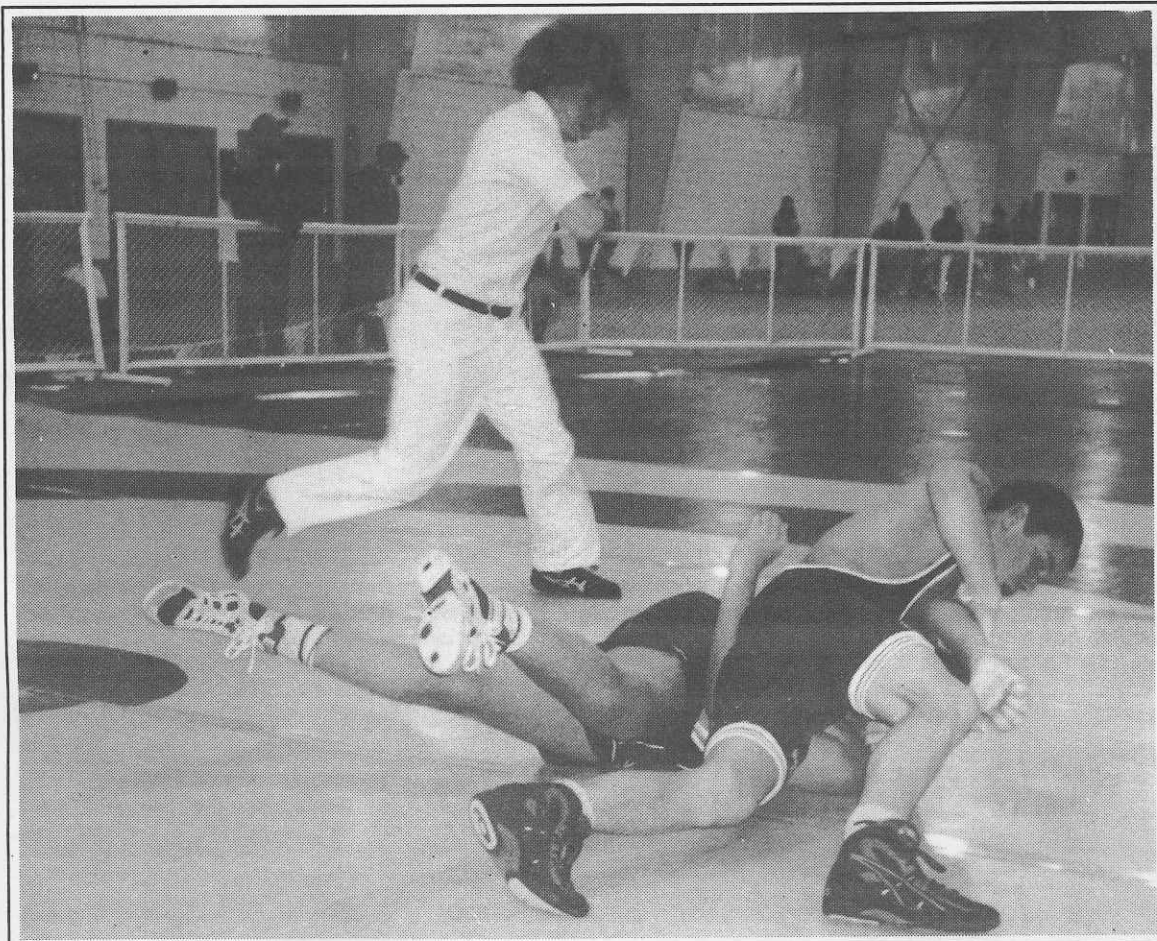
According to **Rick Thompson**, team coach, the team will finish fourth or fifth if the girls play well.

The team was in Victoria on January 15 and 16 for a tournament. They lost three games and tied for last place. Top players, said Thompson, were **Keri Hornveldt**, grade 12, and **Marni Winterbottom**, grade 12.

The team is made up of nine players from grades 11 and 12, one of which is currently out with an injury.

**Ashlee Richardson**, grade 12, says about the team's accomplishments, "We could be doing better, it's hard to practise or play with nine players so we're doing pretty well considering."

The team practises three or four times a week and plays one or two games a week. Richardson feels that the team needs to work mostly on rebounding and wanting the ball.



Letting him have it: Wrestler Kelsey Regan, grade 10, holds his opponent in a head lock. Regan would go on to pin his opponent and win the match on the way to a second place finish.

## Wrestlers place in top ten at Age Class tourney

CHANNDIKA THAYVER  
staff reporter

Five out of 16 Gleneagle wrestlers participated in this year's B.C. Age Class Tournament, in Kamloops, placed among the top ten during the weekend of Thursday, January 13.

Meghan Davies, grade 10, won a silver medal in the Cadet Girls category, while grade 10's Alan Morrison, Kelsey Regan and grade 11's Sean Rodgers and Chris Sameshima placed among the top 10 in the Cadet and Juvenile categories.

Coach Doug Mancel thought that the tournament was a success from an experience standpoint.

"The wrestlers did very well. They got to see how they could stand up against the best wrestlers in the province. It was a real eye-opener for them. It made them realize how hard they're going to have to work to win.

"A lot of the matches were lost by one point and one point is nothing. If they tried harder, they could've done better," said Mancel.

Davies echoed this sentiment but thought that the meet could have been better organized.

"It was run really poorly in the beginning because they filed the schedules on computers and the computers crashed so, I ended up wrestling at 7:00 at night when I was supposed to have wrestled in the morning.

"Other than that, it was pretty great. I have the worst record on the team and I always lose but I'm the only one who medalled. I pinned a girl in 49 seconds. Considering how our team usually does, I don't think we did as well as we could've done. We had guys who were undefeated who were getting defeated. Overall though, it was fun," added Davies.

Sameshima enjoyed the social aspect of the tournament as well as the experience it provided. "It was a good learning experience. I'm sure some of our younger wrestlers appreciated the trip. I think they understand more about the sport now.

"The tournament gave us a chance to meet other schools and socialize with other people. Overall, it was a lot of fun," said Sameshima.

The meet on Wednesday, January 12, resulted in four first place titles, two second place titles, five third place titles and one fourth place title for Gleneagle wrestlers.

Michelle Lagace, grade 11, Sean Rodgers, grade 11, Kevin Cook, grade 10, and Lee Fraser, grade 9 won the first places, while Veronica Rodriguez, grade 10, and Kelsey Regan, grade 10 won the second places.

Kasra Vafaei, grade 11, Matthew Lea, grade 9, Dan Jaenicke, grade 9, Victor Chung, grade 11 and Sameshima won the third places while Sheldon Jaenicke, grade 11, won the only fourth place.

## Ski, snowboard teams give strong efforts in races, despite poor movies on bus

CLINTON TIESSEN  
staff reporter

Both teams had a tremendous showing at the meet on Saturday, January 15, at Whistler Mountain, according to both coaches, Brian Unger, Ski Team coach, and Lance Castonguay, Snowboard Team coach. Unger says that he feels good about his team this year, saying, "We will do well this year if we can get by Hatzic and Terry Fox." Castonguay says that he thinks the team will do well this season.

The Snowboard Team's guys and girls placed third in the recent meet. Castonguay said about the team,

"I think that we had a strong showing." Scott Macdonald, grade 12, said about the trip up, "We need better movies on the bus." The zone finals for the Snowboard team will take place on February 12 and 18, and the Provincials will take place in the first week of March. There will also be a meet taking place on January 29.

Unger's Ski Team is doing well this season with a second place finish at the January 15 meet, with the team winning their first race of the year.

Jens Dyrelund, grade 11, had his first top ten finish at the recent meet,

placing seventh.

Jason Peura, grade 12, had a fourth place finish at the meet as well, unusual according to Unger as he usually "wins almost every race he enters."

Jon Arnold, grade 12, places in the top ten if according to Unger, "He doesn't crash."

For the Ski Team the biggest challenge to overcome will be beating Hatzic, Fraser Valley Champions of last year. Terry Fox as well will give the team stiff competition, according to Unger. Unger also believes that Gleneagle's team is, "One of the elite teams this year."

## Members look forward to skiing, snowboarding trip to Blackcomb Mountain, set for Saturday

CLINTON TIESSEN  
staff reporter

Ski and Snowboard Club members will be taking a trip up to Blackcomb Saturday, February 22.

Jeff Wallwork, grade 12, is going on the trip and he said, "I am the greatest snowboarder in the

school!"

Forty students signed up for the trip, and there is still a possibility that more space will be available.

George Vellenoweth, grade 10, was enthusiastic and commented about the coming trip saying, "I can't wait to get up there because

there's been a huge dump of snow on the ski hills recently."

According to Wayne Ried, club coordinator, the club is available to anyone who is interested and wants to join. A five dollar fee is required to join.

On Saturday, January 8, the Ski and Snowboard club took a trip up to Whistler.

The weather and snow conditions were excellent. Stephanie Gabriel, grade 11, commented on the last trip saying, "There was two feet of fresh powder in certain parts and the weather was nice."

Forty-six students attended the trip and were well behaved according to Ried. Ried agreed that the conditions "Snow conditions on the mountain were fantastic."

An overnight trip to Sunpeaks, Kamloops is planned and the information meeting for the trip is taking place on the Tuesday, February 25 at 3:30p.m.

There are also two more trips planned during the year to different mountains, including Big White, Apex and Silver Star.

The opportunity to take lessons at Grouse Mountain will be available in February.



Free Riding: Noah Fung enjoys the snowboarding as he traverses down the mountain. Conditions were 'fantastic'. Club members hope that conditions will be equally good for the next trip to Blackcomb.

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## Musical theatre class sets up for performance

STACEY ZIMMERMIN  
staff reporter

The musical theatre class has been working towards putting on a performance for February 9 and 10. "A ton of work has been put into this revue. Everywhere from picking songs to learning how to act them out," said Brent Hughes, who teaches the class.

This performance is by invitation only, giving the students in the class a chance to invite their friends and family members. The group is performing fifteen songs. Everything from old shows such as *Sound of Music* and *Fiddler on the Roof* to *Rent* and *the Hunchback of Notre Dame*, said Hughes. "Everyone is working really hard and the amount of improvement since the beginning of the class has been sensational. The production is a great way to showcase some of the talent that's in the school," said stage manager, Chelsey Levy, grade 11.

There are eleven band students forming the orchestra which will play in the orchestra pit. "My favourite song that we're performing is *America from West Side Story*," said Krista Slaght, grade 9.

## Acting classes final performances underway

CHANNDIKA THAYVER  
staff reporter

Final class productions for this semester will be presented to student audiences throughout this week. Drama teacher Richard Dixon's Block B grade 9 class will be acting out *River of Life*, a play about alien abduction.

Dixon's block E grade 9 class will present a play about relationships between parents and children. Each pair of students in the class will play a parent and a child, portraying significant events in their lives together.

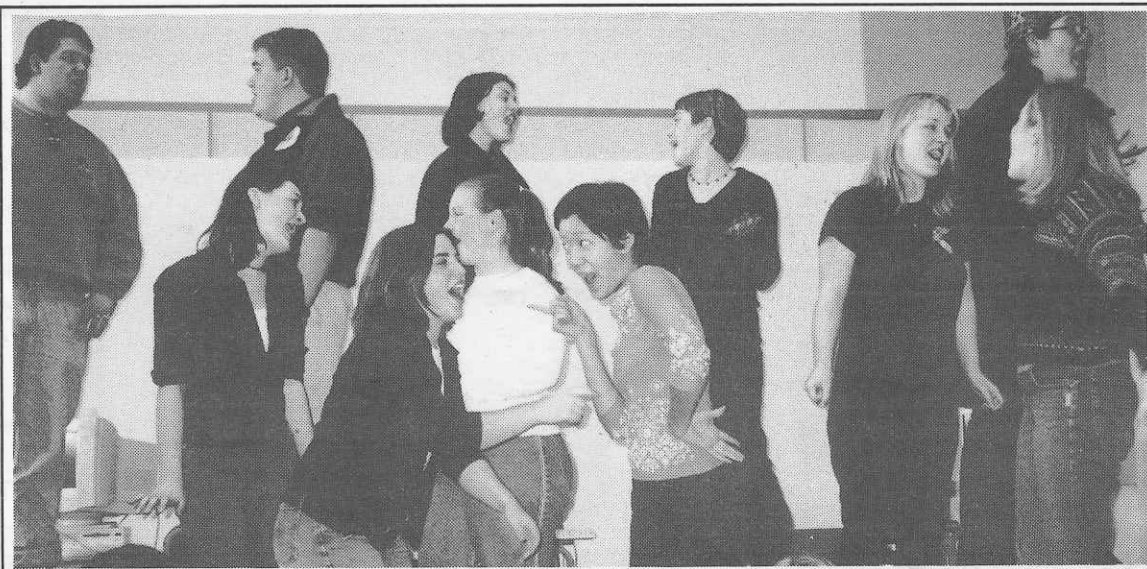
Dixon's Block A grade 10 class is involved in a satirical musical titled *Canadian Girl* and his grade 11 class will act out a play called *Losing Hope*, a futuristic play about a town which faces the dilemma of losing the only child they have. The basic ideas of the plays are structured but all lines will be improvisations.

According to grade 11 drama student Analee Afaga, the cast of *Losing Hope* has been doing exercises to establish their characters. "We're never going to have time to fully get our message across because the play we're doing is really complex but, it'll pull through."

Colin Steele, a member of the grade 10 cast of *Canadian Girl*, says that the play they're presenting is about a Canadian girl who moves to America and tries to fit in.

"[The play] stars the brilliant Paul Connely, the love interest in the story, and the smashing performance of Kristen York as the Canadian girl," said Steele.

The music is brilliantly composed by Richard Dixon. The risqué lyrics were made up by the cast and it's not for the faint hearted because, it deals with issues...teen issues. It's like *Degrassi High* only more music. *Degrassi High* the musical...times ten," added Steele.



Look Who's Talking: The musical theatre class rehearse for their performance. Back row- Weston Kingwell, grade 12, Alan Stebbing, grade 12, Kristin Dickie, grade 9, Krista Slaght, grade 9, Genele Templeton, grade 12, Chelsey Levy, grade 11. Front row- Natalie Damon, grade 12, Danielle Haaf, grade 9, Shannon Little, grade 12, Emily Fenton, grade 9, Sharon Wu, grade 9.

## edge reviews

### 'Girl Interrupted' interrupts perception

JESSICA ROSS  
staff reporter

Few films dare to venture into the mind of the unstable. *Girl Interrupted* showed the other side of mental illness. Instead of poking fun at the misfortunes of others, laughing from afar, this movie tells the patients' point of view.

*Girl Interrupted* made me sit and ponder my own mental stability. The main character was placed in a hospital filled with well, crazy women, and had to fit in.

The movie was not jam-packed

with action, blood sweat or tears it certainly kept my attention. Winona Ryder was, well Winona Ryder. Nothing but the best pours from any screen that she graces.

I was surprised at the gripping performance of her co star Angelina Jolie who invoked the spirit of her trouble character, Lisa. Holding nothing back she spat, kicked and screamed, convincing me to rave about her achievements in the film.

A pleasant surprise was Jared Leto. His part was small but his fine acting and even finer appearance never hinder a film.

Also adding to the acclaimed film was Whopie Goldberg. Normally, I cannot stand the Hollywood Squares star, but she managed to win me over in her role as Valerie, a worker in the institution.

My only hope is that viewers will not line up, pay their ten dollars, season their popcorn, sit and wait to be wowed. Many movies have been spoiled by high expectations

I left the theatre with a new understanding and compassion for what institutionalised people go through.

### Breaking rule number one of Fight Club

CLINTON TIESSEN  
staff reporter

I am breaking rule first of Fight Club in writing this article. Rule number is you don't talk about Fight Club. In my opinion *Fight Club* is probably the most intriguing movie of 1999. As I left the theater I thought, "what a waste of money" but later realized how great the movie actually was.

Every actor played their parts flawlessly in the movie, creating an incredibly thought provoking film. The movie was portrayed in

a setting that is not commonly used for action style movies, the office. Brad Pitt, the main character's alter ego is ruthless and comedic, as well as down to business and enjoyable.

Meatloaf, the lead singer of Meatloaf, made a guest appearance in this movie with a body weight suit and a huge sets of man breasts. In the movie he was supposedly a man that suffered from testicular cancer and had to have them removed and therefore was forced to take estrogen for his problem.

If you are planning on seeing this

movie prepare yourself for a shocker and a violent film. There are parts in the movie where people are beaten to a pulp and it makes you sick to your stomach to watch it. The fighting scenes are violent but are essential to the plot and even make it more realistic.

I would not suggest that you take your younger brother or sister, to see *Fight Club* as it has a 18+ movie rating.. All in all I loved this movie and would recommend it to anybody who has the stomach for the blood and gore.

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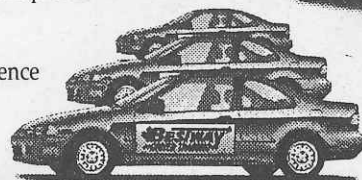
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