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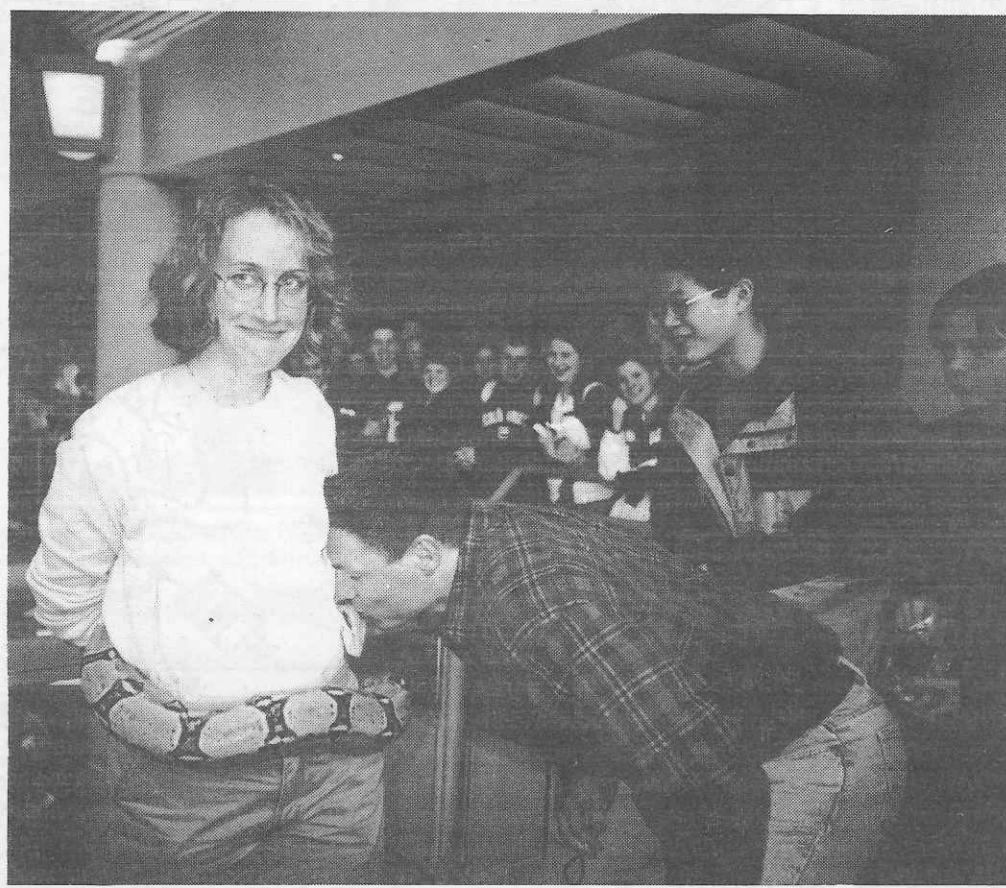
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A Rocky romance?



Pucker up: Rocky and Diana Moore meet for their rendezvous with teacher Chris Turpin, Valentines day. Turpin won chance to 'Smooch the Snake' after a vote was held for students to choose which staff member would pucker up in front of the massive crowds that gathered to get a better look. Runners-up included teachers Doug Binns and Doug MacLean.

photo: Jessica Heath

Poll to decide fate of 10 minute nutrition break between blocks A,B

TRICIA GOULD
staff reporter

The 10 minute nutrition break may be removed from the timetable next year, says the timetable committee.

According to Ivano Cecchini, two years ago, when first creating the timetable for Gleneagle, it was a close split between having a break between the first 2 blocks or not.

The decision was made after the committee did a poll of teachers and students. The choice of having a break was made according to the poll and the Board of Director's decision.

I think that would be stupid because you need a little refresher between your classes," said Erica Arnason, grade 12.

Cecchini states that the timetable made 2 years ago was made to cater to the needs of both the students and the teachers then; however, over the course of the past two years there have been many changes to the student body as well as the teaching staff.

The Committee believe it is time to review the timetable to see if a break between the first 2 blocks is necessary for the 2000-2001 school year.

The polls in the past led to having the break, but now the committee think that some students may prefer to end the school day 10 minutes earlier instead.

Pauline Fleming agrees, saying that many athletic students are required to leave classes early for practices and games and they get "flack from their teachers."

Fleming thinks it will be better for staff and students to get out earlier because the nutrition break is an "unfocused break" that affects the quality of B block and it's educational effectiveness.

"It doesn't amke a difference to me (if we were dismissed ten minutes earlier) because I get out at D block," said Arnason.

When asked about how they will go about making a decision, Cecchini said that they will run another poll. This is scheduled to occur within the next

several weeks.

We are asking a cross-grade of people" said Cecchini The committee plans on asking people of many different interests, and lifestyles, including the athletic, academic and the fine arts students.

When asked about how he thinks the poll will go over with the school Cecchini said "I have no idea." Cecchini personally thinks that getting out earlier would benefit many, however he thinks one downfall would be the lack of common social time for staff and students.

It (break) is the only time to socialize with friends" said Carly Hebner, grade 9.

During the start of March there will be announcements for the poll involving the decision on whether or not to have the break next year.

Grade nine behavior sparks hallway closure

JESSICA ROSS
staff reporter

The grade nine hallway was officially closed to students during the week of February 14 to 18, due to problems involving the noise and behaviour level of students.

According to Vice Principal Denis Sercet there were complaints of grade nine students looking in classroom windows and knocking on doors. "It is not everybody, it is just some people who are loud," said Lauren Soo Chan, grade 9.

The disruptions occurred all last semester but nothing was done. "If these kids would just be quiet and respectful we wouldn't have to resort to this," said Secret.

I think that it's a shame (that they had to close the halls) but until the grade 9's learn that their behaviour is disruptive to classes in session, it's a necessary policy," said Mike Millard.

With all grade nine lockers being located in the same hallway the complaints have been heard from teachers whose classrooms are in that area.

They should just mix up all the lockers so the grade nines are not all together," said Sheldon

After-grad's future uncertain

ERIN MYLES
staff reporter

After what organizing committee members called a disappointing turnout for the Night Owl Movie Night, the After-Grad party's future is uncertain according to Pat Peura, committee member.

Ninety-eight students attended the movie night that was held last Thursday night at Silver City in Coquitlam to raise money for the After-Grad party. The night started at 11:30 pm and finished at six o'clock in the morning and cost fifteen dollars. The movies shown were *Never Been Kissed*, *Rush Hour* and *Sixth Sense*.

The committee rented Silver City's largest theatre, that holds four hundred and fifty people. A minimum of one hundred students were needed in order for the committee to break even. "We were really disappointed with the turnout," said Pat Peura, committee member. "We had the opportunity to make forty five hundred dollars, but we came up thirty dollars short. The committee is very discouraged."

I didn't think it sounded interesting," said Laura Renfrow, grade 12. Not many people I knew were going and I didn't like the movies that were playing.

It was okay," said Diana Phelon, grade 9. "The movies could have been better, but I had fun."

The After-Grad party is now in danger of being cancelled. Because of the amount of funds required to hold the party, five to ten thousand dollars, it was vital that the committee raise a lot of money. The committee is considering cancelling their plans. "We had to borrow money from PAC and use our ow funds to start fund raising. Our biggest concern now is how we are going to pay this money back, and that's not even considering how we would pay for a party that students don't seem to want. They have sent us a clear message."

There is the possibility that there will not be an After-Grad party for the next few years. Peura feels that although the community was willing to support this year's party, they will not be as generous in the future.

We thought that students would enjoy staying up all night," said Gail Miller, committee member. The committee got Pepsi to donate the beverages and were hoping that they would have been able to have the food for the party donated.

The After-Grad committee is meeting today to decide whether or not they will go ahead with plans for an After-Grad.

Jaenicke, grade 11.

We wanted grade 9's to have an effective transition period by staying together," said Secret. The hopes were that the grade nines would feel more safe, and comfortable with each other, as opposed to being mixed in with grades 11's and 12's.

It's their (administration) fault for giving us all different lunch hours," said Jenny Derksen, grade 9. I think it is kind of dumb," agreed Soo Chan.

I think it is right to close them (the hallways), because we are too loud," said Fabian Rodriguez, grade 9.

It sucks, the grade 10's, 11's and 12's are just as loud as us," Derksen.

Many complaints have been expressed by the senior students about this problem

They (grade 9's) should know their role and shut their mouth," said Doran Turner, grade 12. "They are in high school so they should respect the grade 12's that have to write provincials," said Turner.

Don't they want to keep children feeling safe and welcome?" said Brittney Litz, grade 9.

a view from the edge

Grade 9's aren't yet ready to be handed the torch

Annoyed glares, hateful stares and colourful insults, are just as much apart of high school as finals, homework, and gossip. We begin our four year journey with no end in sight. The grade twelves hover about the school contemplating problems beyond understanding. Grad and provincials seem so much more important than canoeing and humanities.

Senior students have spent thirteen years struggling to reach the top, so it is not only their right, but their duty to look down upon the grade nines, who are labelled fair game in the game of survival. We all struggle through high school waiting for the day when we too can glare mercilessly at the little buggers.

Despite what we are lead to believe, there is a huge gap between a fourteen year old and an eighteen year old. A fourteen year old's new achievements include the new ability to get into 14A movies. While the eighteen year old is busy filling out college applications and care insurance. There is a very noticable difference between a PG-13 and a restricted film; *Flubber* or *Silence of the Lambs* are not quite in the same league.

The current grade 12's (who once were grade 9's) have earned their stripes, paid their dues, and for one year, are at the top of the food chain.

The current grade 9's, through their hallway noise, their running, their hugging, their crying, their shrieking have showed everyone, including the school administration, that they have a few years to grow before they can cast their shadow on the then 14 year old students of the day.

We hope the current grade 9's realize that the school wants them ready to hold the torch when it is passed to them in three years.



Monkeys, crows, also prejudice made their appearance at Love Show

At the beginning of semester two I made a promise to myself which I broke February 11, when I skipped my E block class to watch the Love Show.

I'm sure I'm not the only one who skipped to see this epic scene of slander and prejudice.

Section 2(B) of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, guarantees 'freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication'. The drama department clearly displayed their thoughts, beliefs and expressions.

But, according to section 12 'Everyone has the right not to be subjected to cruel or unusual punishment'. The love show was seen to many as hurtful, offensive and just plain not right.

A lot of the blame for the ruckus was put on the audience.

When I think back the whole incident reminds me of a trip to the zoo. When I get there all the monkeys have escaped.

The monkeys are dancing and parading around doing all the doltish antics that monkeys do. People watch them wondering what these crazy beasts will do next; some leave when the old 'picking-lice-out-of-ones-hair-and-eating-it' routine comes into play one too many times.

Then the crows are there, not at all being directly involved or even slightly asked to, they want to be a part of this monkey madness. So they squawk and wail and get in the way of the monkeys' personal circus act.

By the end, the remaining audience is disgusted, the monkeys don't know how to save their act and retreat back to the pen. Leaving them the only ones who were impressed by the whole thing, the dis-

ruptive crows who ruined the show for everyone else.

These monkey-people I speak of could be handed a fair amount of the blame for the outcome. It was their ideas that put the show together, and performed it.

As an audience member myself, the inappropriate outbursts and comments weren't exactly out of line. If anything it was set up perfectly by the performers.

As for these intolerable crow-people they are everywhere, in theatres, concerts, and sadly, school assemblies.

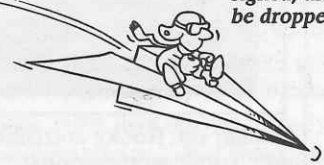
How much fun can acting like an ill-minded grade eight be?

None of these people care who they hurt, and are cruel to, as long as no one knows that it was their own opinion. Well if an opinion is important and you want to say some disruptive phrase for a population of the school to hear, go ahead, shout it out.

Just don't hide in the darkness where your personal prejudice can't be admitted.

Letters to the editor

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



Teachers say no love seen in hurtful homophobic show

We are writing to express our dismay over an ugly situation that unfolded Friday, February 11, at the Love Show. We understand that in previous years the show has been a light-hearted parody of romance and foibles of love.

We are saddened that a Valentines tradition has been tainted by the immature behaviour of a few audience members. Their hurtful, misogynist, homophobic prejudices spiralled a normally playful production into a uncomfortable, distasteful, regrettable situation.

Their comments hid behind the darkness and anonymity of the crowd, and do not represent the feeling of our community.

This is harassment of the most disturbing kind because every

member of the audience was victimised AND implicated. These malicious comments were cowardly, and left many students and teachers shaken and distressed.

Although admittedly some actors in the improv made questionable judgments, it is unfortunate that some members of the audiences did not recognize the true intent of the show.

Their behaviour was both embarrassing and frightening. In the future, perhaps a smaller, "invitation only" venue should be considered in order to avoid the discomfort that many suffered on this occasion.

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Student speaks for the 'true man'

I have one thing to say about the Love Show on February 11. Personally I was greatly disturbed by the fact that a group in the audience showed their hatred for women.

Why do you think I am disgusted? It is because my parents raised me with a sense of chivalry. The way I see it, it is wrong for people to show hatred for others.

A real man is not one who spends most of the day watching football or wrestling, treating women as his slaves and cursing all the time.

A true man is one who spends most of the day helping others in need, treating anyone, especially women, with care, love and respect. (It's only right to treat everyone with the respect they deserve)

Our education focuses too much on academics instead of the per-

son. What good is it if you get straight A's if you are selfish, inconsiderate, wicked and perverted? I really think many of us have to realize that men and women need each other and that they are equal.

The Love Show was originally meant to be humorous but some immature individuals ruined it and painted a black name for men.

I know I am risking a lot by standing up and speaking out. I am putting myself onto many "hate lists" but something has to be done.

We are all responsible for the kind of school we have and the kind of world we live in. Maybe everyone who was disturbed by the comments made during the Love Show needs to speak up. It's your world.

Peter Tong, grade 9

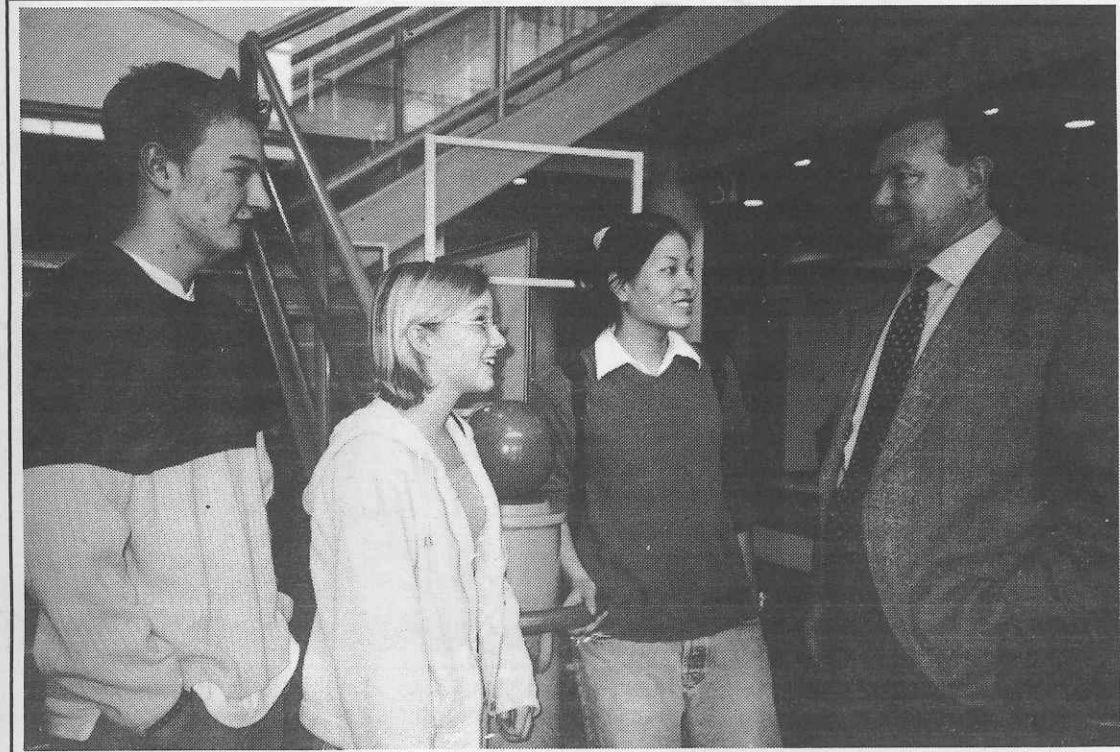


Photo: Jessica Heath

New principal becomes familiar with life at Gleneagle: Gary Conley introduces himself to, and engages in conversation with Mike Trim, Cheriase Degears and Anna Ahn, grade 11 students.

Conley visits 50 classes in first month

JESSICA HEATH
staff reporter

As of February 1, a new addition has been made to Gleneagle's administration. Gary Conley has permanently replaced former principal, Bob Nicholas, who has taken leave due to a medical condition.

As well as being the former principal of Centennial Secondary School for over six years, Conley was also principal at George Perkes and Montgomery Junior.

Although Conley has only been at Gleneagle for four weeks, he described his days as, "Hectic, busy, yet really enjoyable. I found the staff and students to be extremely friendly, welcoming and eager."

Conley was transferred to Gleneagle by the district school board.

According to Conley, although he was saddened at leaving the staff at Centennial, he was glad to take on the job at Gleneagle.

Conley claimed that upon first entering Gleneagle, he was met by, "A really nice climate, very positive. Although Gleneagle has only had two and a half years of growth, I was pleasantly surprised. The staff's premise is geared towards finding what is best for the students."

However, Conley believes that all schools have to be on a continual growth plan. He hopes to start refining some of Gleneagle's programs.

Conley's goal for this year is to, "Get to know the school well. I have already visited over fifty classes. I want to see first-hand what is happening within this school."

When asked what his goals for the following years are, Conley responded, "There should be the collaboration of the staff and students to set goals together. Setting goals is not a one person show."

Conley would like it known that he has an open door policy. "I encourage people to come to talk about any issue, ask any questions, or ask why things are done the way they are done."

If students are still unfamiliar with Conley, he will be making visits to classrooms during March and April, to engage students in open discussions.

"I am pleased I am here, it's been really enjoyable so far. I am looking forward to working with everyone over the next while," said Conley.

Students depart March 9 for Mexican Exchange

JANNY RODRIGUEZ
staff reporter

The Mexican exchange students went back to Mexico Monday, February 21st after their two week stay in Vancouver.

All of the students were between the ages of fourteen and sixteen and attend middle school in Mexico. They were shown around Vancouver and visited Seattle, as well as going skiing, skating, and to many cultural activities.

Anne-Marie Dubois, Spanish teacher, said, "It's a lot of fun and it's really neat. The kids get to experience a different culture."

In return Gleneagle students will stay with the family of the students they hosted. They will be taken to the beaches of Acapulco and to many other sites.

According to Luana Fuoco, grade 9, our students are excited about their part of the exchange that happens March 9-24.

Fuoco said that the 15 year-old boy that stayed with her and her family was nice and that she was really looking forward to her upcoming trip to Mexico.

Most of the exchange students

were able to communicate well with the students they stayed with.

"He could speak English better than I could speak Spanish," said Melissa Hartman, grade 11, of the student that stayed at her home.

Provincials for Cheer, Dance team set for March 4

AMANDA GIENE
staff reporter

Since semester two began, the cheer and dance team has held a pep rally for the schools' basketball teams, and entered the UBC/PNE Chinese New Year competition in which they placed third.

The team, made up of Gleneagle students, plus a majority of grade 6 to 8 students from Scott Creek Middle School, has grown from 13 to 27 athletes.

"It's a young new team with lots of athletic potential, and a two year head start," said Pauline Fleming, coach of the team.

The provincials take place March 4 at Port Moody Secondary School from 9:00am to 7:00pm. Students can come and watch for two dollars and their student ID. Gleneagle tattoos are also available from Fleming if you come and cheer the team on.

"We have a few grade 12 athletes from the Co-ed Riverside Cheer squad coming out to help with

Famine looks for \$6000

PARISA ROSTAMABADI
staff reporter

A giant fund-raiser where you don't eat and you sleep is basically what the Thirty-Hour Famine is, according to Jessica Boyd, grade 10, who is the head organizer, along with student teachers Carmen Stephens and Cristina Lore, who are all a part of student council.

March 30 marks the day when students will help raise money for World Vision, providing food for people in the world who can't afford any. Last year, about \$4,000 was raised. This year's goal is \$5000-\$6000.

On this day at 8:30 in the morning, a breakfast will be served. All eating will stop at 9:00am, although juice and water will be provided.

After going through a regular school day, entertainment will be provided in the late afternoon. There will be treasure hunts, karaoke and movies to keep the fasters occupied, according to Boyd. Later that night, it's bed-time for everyone on the gym floors.

The next day, March 31 at about

3:00pm, a chow down will be held in the cafeteria, complete with door prizes for the students who raised the most amount of money.

Karen Stewart, grade 9, explained doing the famine in grade 8 was difficult during the day when people are seen eating around the school, but easier at night when all famine-participants are together and it's easy to forget about the hunger.

Stewart believes raising money for the cause is important and the event is also fun.

From another stand point, Stephanie Bird, grade 10, has never participated in the Thirty-Hour Famine before. Bird has decided to take part this time because she wants to know, "What it feels like to be hungry and to experience what some people in the world feel like every-day."

Bird expects it will be hard to not eat and be hungry, but it will be enjoyable to do with friends.

Last year, about 120 students participated in the Thirty-Hour Famine and this year, even more are expected by student council.

Manure, chicken, popcorn sales help fund Outdoor trip

IAN CAMERON
staff reporter

The Outdoors Club is planing a horseback trip to Red Willow Ranch which is located in the Southern Caribou region of the interior.

For only \$350, students will be able to spend five days on their own horse playing games such as 'Hide and Go Seek' and 'Tag'.

Other activities that the students will partake in will be hiking and working around the ranch.

There were so many students for the first trip that the leaders Phil Wright, Jackie Collins, Isabella Jakubiec, Lance Castonguay and Gerry Ott were going to run a lottery, but decided that would not be fair to students who had already got their money in.

Instead they created a second

trip that will be occurring from May 5 through to the 10. The first trip will be happening in the last week of April.

The teams are cutting down costs with fund-raising activities such as a manure sale, canoe raffle, popcorn sales and chicken sales.

Depending on how successful the students are in selling, the fund-raising will cover most of the cost of the trip.

Future trips will include a Yukon practice trip to the Similkameen River, a canoe trip up Indian Arm and a grade 12 white water rafting trip to the Vedder/Chilliwack River in May.

If you want to go on any of these trips you are advised by leaders of the Outdoor Club to sign up fast because spots will fill up quickly.

Interac removed due to inefficiency

AMY BROOKES
staff reporter

Interac machines were temporarily installed in the cafeteria. It was first installed on February 3rd, and was removed the next day.

"I thought it was an awesome idea. I wouldn't have to bring cash to school and you wouldn't have to lend money out to people when you don't want to!" said Farhnaz Yekanifard, grade 11.

Most students around the school were not aware of the interac machine in the school's cafeteria. Students applauded the idea of having an interac machine.

"It's easier to carry around a card instead of lots of change or cash; it's more private," said Stephanie Bird, grade 10.

"At the start I thought it was a good idea," said Carol Oun, cafeteria worker. "It can't work in a cafeteria, the line was too long, there was no money in the kids accounts and the machine was messed up!" said Oun.

With only one person working and a line of students, the machine wasn't as efficient as was first expected.

There are no future plans to reinstall the machine into the cafeteria.

coaching, polishing and helping the team advance," said Fleming.

Fleming said the team wants to enter the April 8 competition in New West, expanding the season.

A number of athletes are also entering and practising for a stunt

Frog, worm-watch planned for club

JULIE WILLIAMSON
staff reporter

The environmental club has just started up and the group is already planning many activities and outings. February 22, the club went to the Terry Fox Creek to observe what was happening in and around the stream.

In the near future, they also plan to visit the Noons Creek Hatchery where they will learn about environmental monitoring. "The idea is to start a stream team," stated environmental club sponsor, Quirien Mulder ten Kate. A stream team helps take care of local watersheds and promotes awareness.

team/duo/individual performance.

"Stunting is the best part. It's a lot of fun, but hard," said Elyce Huyton, grade 12 member of the team.

"Next year we're hoping for more games and pep rallies to cheer at and raising school spirit," Fleming said.

The environmental club is also planning a frog watch, as well as a plant and worm watch. During the frog watch the group will listen to different frog calls and try to identify the species of frogs. "I'm interested in the research part," said grade 12, Jim Eisel.

March 18-19, the club might go grey whale watching trip in Ucluelet. The trip involves an overnight stay at the Canadian Princess Resort, a three hour boat trip and hiking.

The environmental club meets every Tuesday after school in room 204. For those who want to find out more about the club or the trip, they are welcome to come.

Girls snowboard team place first in zone

ALANNA KOSHLAY
staff reporter

The ski team finished third in the district finals, and were two points away from qualifying for the B.C.'s. **Jason Peura**, grade 12, placed third. **Brian Unger**, ski team coach, said, "They all generally preformed well." The ski team is finished for the season, but Unger said, "We all had a good, strong year." On the boys team, **Brody Dockendorf**, grade 9, placed 8th, **Geoff Agosti**, grade 10, placed 12th, and **Scott Macdonald**, grade 12, placed 23rd. **Paul Mancell**, grade 12, and **Robert Kozlowski**, also grade 12 placed fairly well, as they represented Gle-neagle.

On the snowboard team, the guys finished in second place and the

girls tied for first. **Lance Canstonguay**, snowboard team coach, was proud of the top three girls that did well at the zone finals. **Amy Kidd**, grade 10, **Patricia Kretz**, grade 11, and **Ashlee Richardson**, grade 12, "Had a strong showing in the finals." said Castonguay.

In the second run, the girls finished second, but unfortunately the guys did not place in the top 20. Because of the girls high standing, they are now eligible to compete in the provincials. These will take place in the first week of March. Another goal that the snowboard team wanted to accomplish, was that they wanted to beat Hatzic, the Fraser Valley champions, but they failed to do so.



On his way down: snowboarder **Scott Macdonald**, grade 12, shows some of the form that earned him a spot in the District Tournament February 18 and 19. Both skiers and snowboarders did not qualify for the Provincial tournament in March.

Layla d'Emanuele photo

basketball roundup

Junior boys finish season with seven players

CLINTON TIESSEN
staff reporter

The Junior Boys Basketball team ended their season with a 12-15 record. This was the first time in 23 years that one of **Doug Binns'** teams missed the playoffs.

Binns had a hard time this season with only seven players after two quit. Even though there were only seven players on the team,

Binns commented on many of the players saying that, "The guys that I coached this season were great."

He commented especially on **Trevor Bramble**, grade 10, saying, "He has the heart of a lion."

The team did great when all players showed up, but attendance was a problem according to Binns. A few other players that Binns said have future prospect are **Mark**

Fuelbrandt, grade 10, and **Dennis Han**, grade 10.

Binns also commented on the league saying that all of the seven teams were incredibly competitive. The team didn't make it to the Fraser Valleys because they had a 0-6 record at the district championships. They failed to win the one game needed to progress to the Fraser Valleys.

Junior girls lose to top ranked Brookwood

CYNTHIA WILDMAN
staff reporter

Post season ended quickly for the junior girls basketball team when they were defeated 51-28 by Brookwood, the first ranked team in the province, during the Fraser Valley Championships February 23.

Khatereh Aminoltejari, grade 10, said regarding the loss against Brookwood, "We were intimidated going into the game, but

they weren't as strong as we presumed."

Prior to competing in the Fraser Valley Championships, the girls played in the league playoffs where they lost against Port Moody.

They went into a game against Moody expecting that they would come out with a win, according to one of the team's captains **Leanne Carey**, grade 10.

During the game the girls didn't hit all of their shots and a couple of

girls were fouled out.

This year the junior girls team consisted of seven players who got to know each other a whole lot better according to **Aminoltejari**.

"The season was a lot of fun," said **Patty Anderson**, the team coach.

The girls are planning off-season training while Anderson prepares to coach the senior girls basketball team next year.

Senior girls eliminated after two losses in districts

JENNIFER KASUYA
staff reporter

Senior girls basketball finished the season in sixth place with two wins and six losses. The team was eliminated in the first round of district finals, after losing to Thomas Haney and Terry Fox.

"The team did as well as could be expected considering the caliber of the league and the

amount of preparation they had," said coach **Rick Thompson**. The team consisted of a few senior, grade 12 players, which Thompson says caused a, "lack of leadership." The team didn't develop as much as it could have." The team went on to win their first league game against Pinetree.

The team also played in a tournament on Vancouver Island, where

they played Spectrum, a team ranked in the top ten.

"I had fun playing, but it was a disappointing end," says **Patricia Kretz**, grade 11, "But I will take the experience with me next year for improvement."

Senior player **Kari Hortvedt**, grade 12 said "We had lots of fun, and good luck to all the girls next season."

Senior boys finish sixth, gain experience

JENNIFER KASUYA
staff reporter

Senior Boys lost in the second round of district finals to end their season. **Tony Scott**, coach, looked back on the season to say, "We made some major strides. It's another step forward to being a more consistent team."

Finishing sixth in their league, the younger members of the team, two grade tens and many elevens, gained experience and improve-

ment from this year. "We played well," says **Mikael Anderson**, grade 10, "But, our one problem was that we didn't play as a team."

Although, this may have been a slight set back, the team did go on to play in the Guildford Park Tournament, where the team lost by one point to Port Moody. The senior members of the basketball team tended to lead the way, but according to Scott, "For us to be successful, leadership needs to be one of

the things that come to the fore front."

Justin McAleenan, grade 12, says "Honestly, I don't think we reached our potential. But we really worked hard regardless of that fact." Some preparation for next year will be done during the off season. "My major goal is that our off season development (skills), need to carry on, to advance a step further from where we stand," says Scott.

Wrestler takes eighth; two others in top 20

ALANNA BOYD
staff reporter

Wrestlers **Michelle Lagace**, grade 11, placing eighth out of 27, while **Veronica Rodriguez**, grade 10, and **Kevin Cook**, grade 10, both placed in the top 20 in the provincial tournament on February 25-26.

The team had four wrestlers place in the top five at the Fraser Valley Championships, which led Lagace, Rodriguez, and Cook to the finals. **Ivan Vitez**, grade 11, placed fifth at the Frasers, but decided not to appear at the provincials. "This year we had a really big team, and it was a real learning and building season," said **Doug Mancell**, coach.

"We started off a young team with low experience," Lagace stated "Later everyone found their own moves, got used to the sport and developed their own style. Everyone got better individually and team wise as well."

The team had some drawbacks this year, according to Mancell. **Chris Sameshima**, grade 11 and **Meghan Davies**, grade 10, had injuries, which forced them to retire for the remainder of the season, which had an effect on the entire team. There also were some members who had thought to have proceeded, but did not make it as far as hoped, which had an effect on the team as well.

Next year is expected to be full of success for the team, with many of the new wrestlers used to the moves on the mat according to Mancell "Watch out for **Kelsey Regan**, grade 10 and **Daniel Parish**, (Grade 9) they'll be the ones to watch out for next year."

"We appreciate the time and effort of the coaches," Sameshima states "Next year the team will be a lot better."

Both basketball nines continue to Fraser Valley Championship

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staff reporter

The grade nine girls ended the season on top of their game with a first place win at the district championship. They moved on to the Fraser Valley Championship. Scores were not available at press time.

The grade 9 boys basketball team finished their season with a record of 17 wins and 7 losses. The team finished in second place out of ten teams in league play. From there, they placed sixth in the District Championships. This placement earned the team a spot in the Fraser Valley Championship.

In this tournament Gle-neagle will be competing against 12 teams from around the Fraser Valley. Out of the 12 teams that play, four will make it to the B.C.'s. The fifth team will have to play a sudden death game to qualify. Fraser Valleys are taking place at Elgin Park Secondary School in White Rock, on Tuesday, February 28 to Saturday, March 4.

The boys will play in their first game against Johnson Heights. The winner will then proceed to play Rosedale. Being a sudden death tournament, the boys only have one chance to come out on top.

Coach, **Mark Prinster** had a goal this season to beat Pinetree but in the end this goal wasn't fulfilled. Pinetree was Gle-neagle's number one competitor this year, they finished first in league play. They lost to Pinetree 64-40. Gle-neagle hopes to meet and play them again in the near future.

Both the coaches and the players have positive attitudes going into the play-offs, according to Prinster. "This has been a really good season," says Prinster.

The coaches are looking down the road at a Sr. team, at a grade 11-12 level. They are preparing the boys to play and work together. Prinster's long term goal is for the team to become a well adapted Sr. boys team. They are working towards becoming a top level basketball team.

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Students flock to the sound of music: Grade 9 and 10 band students put on a musical performance, conducted by music teacher Brent Hughes. The show, which was held during nutrition break in Gleneagle's front foyer, helped in raising school spirit.

Jessica Ross photo

Poll determines fate of break

JESSICA HEATH AND TRISH GOULD
staff reporters

Polls taken in the second week of March by grade 9, 10 and 11 students, as well as staff, have determined that adjustments will be made to next year's schedule, eliminating the 10 minute nutrition break between 'A' and 'B' block.

The decision was announced to staff on March 29 by principal Gary Conley, following poll results provided by the Timetable Committee.

The committee, headed by Ivano Cecchini, selected one class from each required grade to complete the poll. Results in favour of putting an end to the break were 69% from a grade 9 humanities class, 61% from a grade 10 Capp class, and 42% from a grade 11 English class. In addition, 65% of staff voted against the break. Grade 12's were exempt from the poll since they will not be attending Gleneagle next year.

The effects of no 10 minute nutrition break, beginning in September, will enable students to be dismissed 10 minutes earlier.

Cecchini suggested that "it might be possible that younger students feel intimidated by older students during the break and that is why they're more dominantly against the break," to explain the difference between grade 9 and grade 11 votes.

"Most people seem to prefer getting dismissed ten minutes earlier," said Cecchini.

Originally, the break was intended to provide students with 10 minutes to eat, study, use the washrooms and relax before sitting through three more classes, according to Conley.

"In my mind, I thought 'nutrition break' was a fancy word for recess. The ten minute break seemed to be detracting from quality learning time in our school," said Conley.

Twenty-two faminers raise \$1500 for World Vision

PARISA ROSTAMABADI
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Thirty-five students gave up food for the Thirty-hour Famine held on March 30. Although the participants numbered half of last year's, a total of approximately \$1500 was raised, with more money yet to come.

Student teacher, Carmen Stephen, said although this year it was easier to supervise, it was disappointing that so few people showed support. There was a lack of commitment and not everyone who signed up actually participated. Nevertheless, Cristina Lore, also a student teacher, agreed the event was a success because money was still raised.

Last year, about \$4,000 was raised for World Vision. "It is unfortunate the amount of people that showed up because so much more money could have been given to starving people," said Lore.

Faminers ate doughnuts Thursday morning be-

fore 9:00am, when all eating came to an end. In the evening entertainment was provided including a scavenger hunt, as well as karaoke, in which the fasters joined into group singing. They also watched the movies *Runaway Bride* and *Blue Streak*.

There was a disagreement on sleeping arrangements, but since the majority were girls, they slept in the larger gym. Sleeping bags were laid in the gyms while students finished up their homework in the cafeteria.

During the evening, Stephanie Bird, a grade 10 participant, described how she felt. "I didn't feel that hungry, I felt tired."

Heading the famine, Jessica Boyd, grade 10, thought the Famine went well and a lot of money was raised, considering only twenty-two kids handed in their pledges. Boyd said that prior to the event, they had advertised as much as possible.

"Students just weren't as involved as last year."

Preparations included getting donations from companies, collecting up water coolers and donations and getting equipment for the entertainment.

During the twenty-seventh hour into the famine, Greg Dennis, a grade 10 participant, described how he felt, "Slightly sick in the stomach, pleasantly not that hungry, but if I could, I would eat."

Fasters gained permission to be dismissed early from their block 'E' classes to meet in the cafeteria. Muffins, bagels, apples,

pizza and many other food items, which were donated by many local businesses, were spread across the table.

At 3:00pm, they were able to eat once again, as the thirty hours had passed. A speaker from World Vision made a short speech, thanking the students who had participated and expressing her hope that next year the whole cafeteria would be full.

Boyd has hopes for next year's Thirty-hour Famine. "More people, more pledges, just overall more involvement."

upcoming events

Today, April 6

- sr. boys rugby vs. Westview
- sr. girls rugby vs. Carson Graham

Monday, April 10 - May 8

- After grad tickets on sale

Thursday, April 20

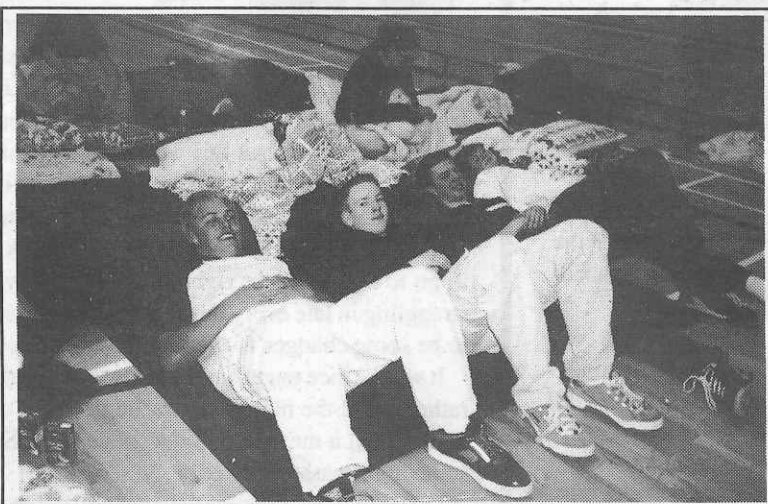
- Report cards go home

April 21 and 24

- Holidays - No School

Wednesday, April 26

- Early Dismissal at 12:30
- Parent Teacher Night
- Silent Auction



Faminers camp out in school's gym: To get their minds off of the hunger, grade 10 famine participants, Colin Graham, Matt Collishaw, Greg Dennis and Michelle Anderson kick back and watch the film *Runaway Bride*.

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