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Jessica Ross photo

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.

## 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  
staff reporter

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

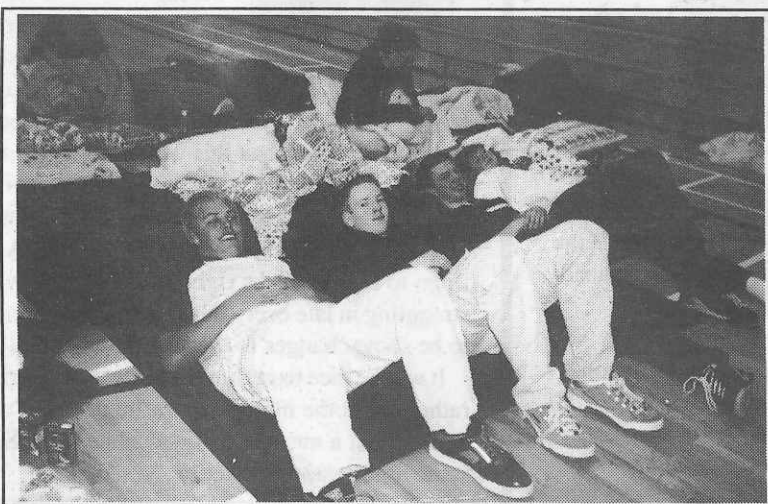
- Report cards go home

April 21 and 24

- Holidays - No School

Wednesday, April 26

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



Parisa Rostamabadi photo

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*.

## a view from the edge **Democracy shown in poll taken for break**

It is called democracy. A quarter of the school's population, students and teachers, were polled to find out what to do about break for next year. It was a close vote but 60% of the voters thought that it would be better for everyone if instead of having the ten minute break between blocks A and B, we would get out ten minutes earlier at the end of the day.

Now we can change our availability for our after school jobs to ten minutes earlier. Ten minutes in minimum wage terms is a whopping \$1.19. That is an entire chocolate bar, pop or Slurpee! Students will no doubt learn to appreciate this turn of events.

Many people have been heard complaining about this revelation, but we should be glad to know that we were asked our opinions at all.

Democracy does not suit everyone, but what an up-roar would have come had the committee in charge thrown out the results because it was not what they wanted to hear. Instead it was conducted fairly and all sides were heard through the poll.

The students involved in the vote were a vast range of grades 9's, 10's and 11's. Also the classes polled were a mix as not to receive the opinions of only academic students, graphic students, or yes, journalism students.

We are glad that this poll took place and now we must look towards the good thing that can come of this change. Too many things in our lives are left floating just out of our hands.

## **Cheep players bring bad name**

Hockey is the best sport on the Earth, but recently the game has gotten out of hand. Marty McSorely and Scott Niedemeyer both have taken pot shots at other players during the game. Plays like this are giving the wrong kind of attention to hockey.



Clinton Tiessen  
edge columnist

Because bad sportsmanship like this goes on, people say pathetic things such as, "We should take fighting out of hockey." People don't understand that the fighting in hockey brings out the intensity that is needed. Real men play hockey with violence, blood and fighting while European leagues penalize players for doing such natural acts, but don't penalize as harsh for

slashing other players with their sticks used as weapons.

Players like Peter Forsberg, Pavel Bure, and Jaromir Jagr are bringing down the game with their fancy moves, finesse, and highlight reel moments. They can't hit, fight or play the game the way it was meant to be played. On top of all this, some European players are bringing in cheap play to the beautiful crafted game of hockey.

Another thing that really irked me was last year in the playoffs when the Detroit Red Wings played the Colorado Avalanche. Peter Forsberg, the cheapest player in the NHL, hit not one but two people from behind. Cheap European players bring a bad name to the NHL, not just the McSorely incident.



## **A world filled with violence, crooked superheroes**

Without sounding too crazy and pessimistic I can safely say that the world is a sick, twisted and scary place. Each day we tip toe through our busy, traffic filled streets trying not to get hit. Sprinting and ducking we dodge accidents, some by chance and others vehicular homicide.

Behind every bush there waits a rapist, a killer, and a stalker. The nightly tales of murder and heart break flood the local news. We live in a time where when a parent is late, they are not stuck in traffic but held staring down the barrel of a gun in some dark alley. When our little brothers and sisters are not home right after school, they are not at the park they, are beaten and crying in a ditch somewhere on the route home.

In school we are taught to play nice with our classmates, clean up after art class, don't talk to stran-

gers, and don't let scary men in dark cars lure you away with the promise of a candy cane or puppy.

When I come home from school all I want to do is sit back and watch Degrassi in peace. But it seems that all too often my show is being interrupted with live coverage from some bloody massacre somewhere.

Homes are being broken into, elderly people are being tied up and beaten, children are being brought to tears on the playground... need I go on.

But what can I do to help stop this insanity? All I can do as a teenager in the new millennium is to promise not to kill anyone and pay attention to the Crime Stoppers re-enactments.

Crime Stoppers encourages us to turn in suspicious neighbours to collect our prize. The lotto winners get their picture taken holding their

million dollar cheques, but the Crime Stopper superheroes are left nameless with their \$2000 treasure.

It would take a genius to remember what the man, who darted in front of their car in the middle of the night three and a half years ago, was wearing. But as long as we keep our eyes and ears open for a white male ages 19-35, with or without facial hair we should be fine.

Our children are being raised with the television shows that show them all about the monsters that lurk under the bed and the characters that will save them before the next commercial.

Where is Batman? Where is Superman? Have they too looked to the dark side for employment. Are the Ninja Turtles bitter over years of mistreatment and exile? Is it the Power Rangers who wait just beyond the driveway?

These are the people who possess the super human strength needed to protect us from the horrendous beastly world around us.



Jessica Ross  
edge columnist

## **Bye bye break, bye bye sanity**

Each day we stumble blindly from class to class, counting down the minutes and seconds until our next break. But next year our beloved ten minutes of relaxation, nutrition and teenage chatter are being snatched out from under us.

Some students must wait hours for a bathroom break or cafeteria run. But they could always count on break to be waiting just seventy five minutes away from the dreary first moments of a block.

We are cradled through elementary school with recess games and basketball sign outs. In our most crucial young years, our time out is taken from us. Maybe if we had been slowly weaned off our precious time off than this would not be coming as such a shock.

Like a fish out of water we, the continuing Talons, will desperately thrash back and forth in search of our natural habitat. This unnatural setting will send us spiralling into oblivion. A few of us may even "forget" to go to our B blocks right away. Maybe with all the knuckle dragging straggling in late every day due to exhaustion and hunger there may have to be some changes to this insane schedule.

It will be nice to get out the ten minutes earlier but at what cost? I would rather avoid the nightmare traffic that will only be made worse with us getting out a mere five minutes later than Scott Creek, located near the same nightmare intersection.

I hope that the weak feeling that will come over students next year from hunger and boredom will not interfere with our hopes and dreams of soaring above the garbage and into success.



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## you said it!

### Public Displays of Affection: Where do you draw the line?



"Making out in the halls is disgusting and should never ever be allowed. It promotes bad behavior amongst kids in which I feel is unconstitutional towards God."  
**Dan Code, grade 12**



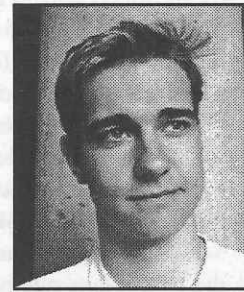
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**Andrew Yoon, grade 9**



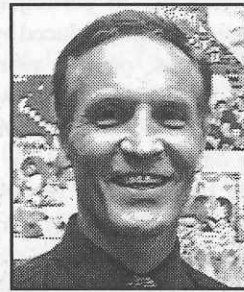
"I think that when the slobber starts to fly, and you can see the persons tongue going down the others throats, it's time to get a room."  
**Michelle Lagace, grade 11**



"I think that it's alright and I don't find it offensive if people want to show their affection in public. As long as it isn't too explicit, I think it's cute!"  
**Tarryn Coetzee, grade 11**



"Revealing body parts, that's the line! Other than that anything goes!"  
**Colin Sullivan, grade 10**



"Students involved with PDA's need to be sensitive of the perception of those around them as to the appropriateness of the display."  
**Ken Lemmen, Vice-Principal**

### PDA's should be done away

He longingly gazes into her big brown eyes, and softly moves her blonde locks away from her face. He gently leans in with intentions of kissing her, when a lone fruit fly darts between the loving couple.



**Jennifer Kasuya & Jessica Heath**  
Edge columnists

No, this isn't from *Days of Our Lives*, this is a typical scene from the hallways of Gleneagle. It is not the fruit fly problem, that is a whole other story. We are talking about students who are unable to control their hormonal urges at school.

Holding hands and hugging is fine, **BUT** when couples start to get a little too affectionate and a little too close, that is when we think the line between acceptable and offensive has

been crossed.

What makes the hallways of Gleneagle so romantic anyway? Is it the dim lighting around the lower locker area? The alluring pink coloured exterior of the school? Or the gentle humming of the vending machines? Personally, we don't get it.

Why is it that people just cannot wait until they are alone?

Do they enjoy four hundred sets of eyes watching their show of affection? Not only may their actions be offensive, but who really wants to witness these public displays anyway? Just because their eyes are closed doesn't mean we cannot see them.

All characteristics of the historical romance, like discretion and chivalry, have been lost in our modern day perception of romance.

Whether it be the influence of television, or the hormonal imbalance in students, until they learn how to control their actions with maturity, these public displays will most likely continue.

The signs in the lower hallway that read, 'QUIET PLEASE, CLASSES IN SESSION,' may as well state, 'CLOSE YOUR EYES PLEASE, MAKE-OUT IN SESSION.'

### SQUARING OFF

### PDA's: just a loving display

With spring time fast approaching there is no avoiding it, love is in the air. PDA's are popping up more and more along with the angry glares from the single foke.



**Amy Brookes & Kim MacLeod**  
Edge columnists

More teens are "hooking up" and proving their affections for each other in the halls.

So what's the big dilemma? At this stage of our lives we are looking to find a mate. It's mother nature's plan. One hundred years ago many of us would have been married and settled down with responsibilities and children.

Being a teenager means that mother nature's cycle has begun, not saying everyone

should run out and have sex. Rather, we are stating that the instinct is there and as long as we are humans it will always be there.

Along with finding that special someone comes the natural urge to hug, kiss, and generally display our feelings of affection in Gleneagle's hallways.

Young love is exciting and exhilarating. We want to express every emotion with scads of intensity. When you have found something that is new and exciting why not show it off.

Does it really matter that there is a couple enjoying the fresh air as they hold hands or a couple share a hug in front of their locker before they hustle down to class?

It's nice to see young people like ourselves finding that special someone. Sure there are some people who go the distance, but the majority of students control themselves.

As always there are that select few who go to far and cross the line, ruining it for everyone else.

Like every normal teenager, we're experimenting, testing the waters.

At least people are hugging each other and not fighting with each other. As the old saying goes "Make love, not war."

## solve our 'name the brand' crossword and win

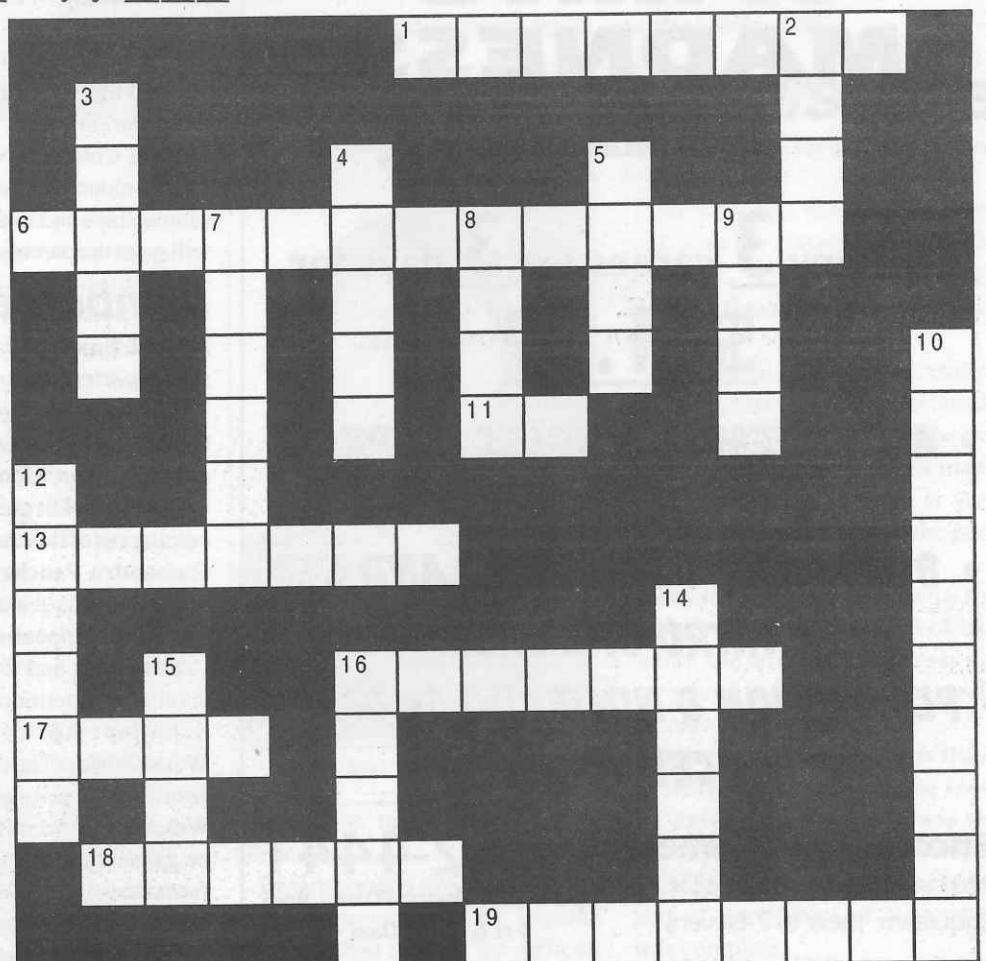
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#### ACROSS

1. Always \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They're grrrrreat!
11. Meet me at \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Oh hungry?
16. Whatever it is I think, I see, becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ roll to me.
17. Silly rabbit, \_\_\_\_\_ are for kids.
18. Strong enough for a man, made for a woman.
19. Taste the rainbow.

#### DOWN

2. Betcha' can't eat just one.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ has bite.
4. For you and all your 2000 parts.
5. Where do you get your energy?
7. Image is nothing, thirst is everything.
8. Tried, Tested and True.
9. L'eggo my \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Follow your nose.
12. The quicker, thicker, picker upper.
14. Break me off a piece of that \_\_\_\_\_ bar.
15. Just do it.
16. Takes a licking and keeps on ticking.



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.

## Drug awareness video filmed

JEN KASUYA  
staff reporter

Chris King's CAPP 10 classes were chosen, along with two schools located in Bristol, England and Sydney, Australia to participate in an educational film, produced by Classroom Videos, on drug awareness.

Taping for the video, which is titled *Choose Your Poison*, took place on March 13 and 14.

The basic outline of the video, which is also an in class assignment for the CAPP classes, is to choose between three specific drugs; alcohol, ecstasy and marijuana, and decide which one the students think should be eliminated from this millennium.

The students worked in small groups to study and research both the positive and negative affects in order to come to their final answer.

From each of the three school, Gleneagle, Bristol and Sydney, small sections of tape will be bound together in order to create this 20 to

30 minute video.

The students were given a very basic outline for what the project consisted of **Heather Donaldson**, the script writer and co-ordinator for the video said, "I chose to have the students come up with creative ideas." Some ideas for presenting the projects consisted of ideas like videos, skits, and debates.

Choosing to use Gleneagle as one of the three school was a decision made by **Bruce Kiloh**.

Kiloh, who previously worked in the Coquitlam school district, decided to choose Gleneagle not only because he had previously worked with King on other occasions, but he felt confident that King's classes would provide strong projects.

As an educational video, Kiloh hopes that both the students participating in the assignment, and students and teachers that will be watching the video, will learn from it.

"My goal, and I've been doing it

for a long time, is learning," said Kiloh.

The final cut of the video will be reviewed by Kiloh, Donaldson, and **Terry Lee**, video editor and producer, and then reviewed once more by another producer.

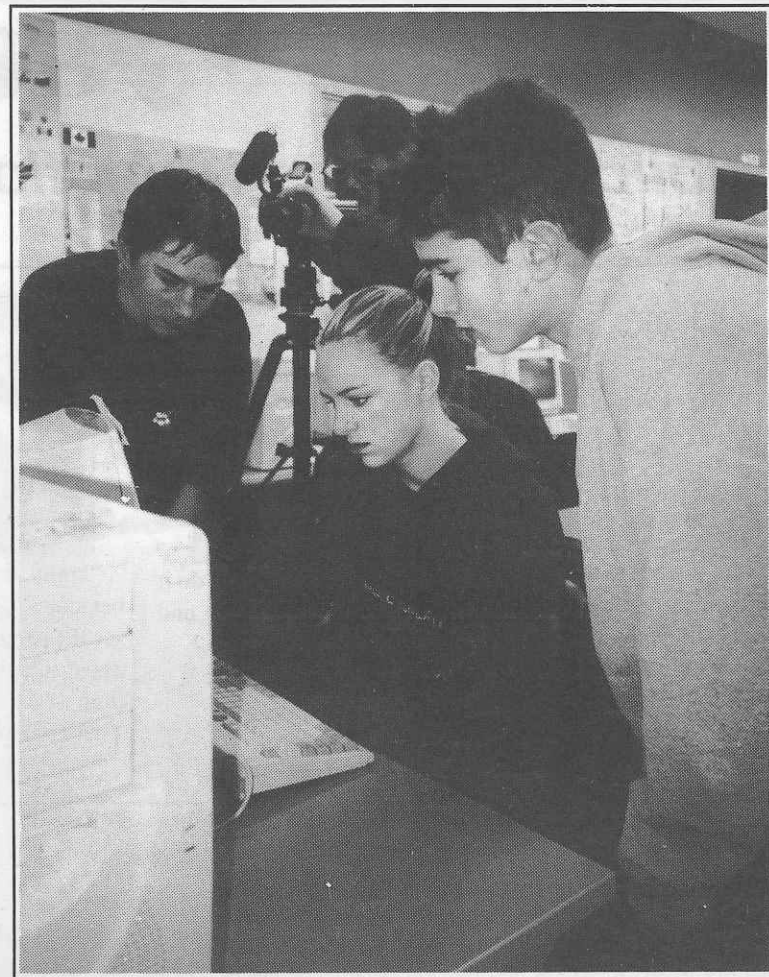
A rough cut of the video will be shown to King's classes at a later date, and the final cut is to be released sometime during the later summer months.

The video will then be purchased and sent to other schools throughout Canada and other nations that have CAPP courses.

Grade 10, **Jhalesha Tmara** said, "I think that it's good that I'm going to be part of a project that will educate kids about drugs."

Classroom Video is a company which has about 150 video titles in the following subject areas; Geography, History, all Sciences, Math, English, Home Economics, and Personal Development (CAPP).

Classroom video has also made a donation to the Gleneagle Scholarship Fund, and the school will also be receiving a small honorarium for participating in the video.



Filming in progress in school library: Chris King's CAPP 10 students, David Zibrik (left), Dani Mitchell and Joel Brunke (right) work on their drug awareness project while being filmed by cameraman Terry Lee.

## Students visit France, Italy

JESSICA HEATH  
staff reporter

On March 17, four Gleneagle students and a humanities and CAPP teacher, **Lance Castonguay**, participated in a ten day trip to Europe along with students from schools in Fort St. John, Indiana and Minneapolis.

The trip began with three days in Paris where students were able to see the Eiffel Tower and the painting of Mona Lisa. This was followed by an overnight train ride to Monaco, Nice and Cannes where much of the time was spent swimming in the French Riviera. A bus ride was then taken to the site of the Leaning Tower of Piza.

Students also visited the St.

Frances Church, while spending two nights in Florence, and then the Vatican, Coliseum and Forum while staying two nights in Rome.

"The trip was grade 'A' goodness, although we spent four hours looking for the Statue of David. We never found it because we were in the wrong museum!" said **Noah Fung**, grade 12, who paid approximately \$2600 to attend the trip.

Castonguay is in the process of planning another trip to central France and Italy next spring. The trip will be open to all students interested and Castonguay wants students to be aware of an upcoming meeting. Details are being worked out whether the next trip could involve exchange billets.

## Limousine ride for winning drinking, driving essay

ERIN MYLES  
staff reporter

Through much hard work and perseverance, After-Grad will be held June 9 as planned, according to **Gail Miller**, committee member.

Last week's Den Decorating Workshop, which featured a seminar given by an interior decorator, raised approximately five hundred and fifteen dollars towards the After-Grad fund.

Tickets will be sold in the main hall every Tuesday and Thursday, starting April 11.

An early bird prize draw will be held for those people who purchase their tickets between April 11 and May 4. A random prize draw will be held for a Shock-Wave walkman.

Students also have a chance to win a limousine ride for the evening if they write a short essay two-hundred and fifty word essay on drinking and driving.

The committee has already confirmed Grey Beverages and Jones Soda as sponsors for the event and Mr. Mike's will be providing some of the evening's food.

Many prizes have been donated and the committee will be advertising them while tickets are being sold.

The evening held at the Port Moody Recreational Centre will include casino games, Red Dragon Tattoos, and dancing.

More activities will be added if funding and support grow.

Miller believes that having an After-Grad is important for the graduating class. "We believe that it's important to hold the event, even if we only have fifty students attend. We need to start a tradition for the school. After-Grad is one of the last events where people can all be together. It's a scary thought, but many students will never see each other after they graduate. This is one of their last chances to be together as a graduating class."

Grad committee member **Cory McLaren** believes that students will support the evening.

"Up until this point, no one knew what was happening. I think that if people know what's happening, they'll attend."

## Auction intended to raise funds for scholarships

AMY BROOKES  
staff reporter

The silent auction is being planned for April 26 in conjunction with Parent night according to **Sharon Coleman**, vice principal.

The money is being raised for scholarships and some of the money will go to the parents of the dry after

grad committee.

Last year over one thousand dollars was raised which was made into several scholarships, according to Coleman. "We're hoping to do the same this year."

The auction is open to anyone with lots of items applying to kids. "The money goes directly to sup-

port the grade 12's," said Coleman.

Items being auctioned include a picture from 'The Brick' and a portrait package from 'Jostens' for grad pictures or family portraits.

Any students whose family or friends would be willing to donate items or services are asked to contact Coleman or **Brian Lewis**.

## Jamboree competition for cheer, dance team April 8

AMANDA GIENE  
staff reporter

On the March 4 provincials, the Cheer and Dance team placed 8th overall, at Port Moody Secondary.

"The team felt great going in and coming out of the tournament," said **Cassandra Peachey**, senior team member. "The team felt awesome about the competition."

The Cheer and Dance team has another competition coming up on Saturday April 8 in New Westminster. The competition is a Jamboree, going on at New Westminster Secondary. There will be games for teens in between performances, which are all free between 10am and 4pm.

There will be two groups of five

girls doing stunts, five duos along with one individual performance.

"The team is more relaxed now, and they're more focused," said **Pauline Fleming**, team coach.

Along with that competition the team will be performing their Grey Cup dance, which has a cheer music mix called 'Joining The Party' at the talent show on May 17. It will be a glow in the dark routine and will be, "Fun to watch," said Peachey. "Everyone from Gleneagle should come out to watch."

The team will be holding tryouts on April 25, April 27 and May 2, for anyone who missed out this year and is interested in taking part in the

2000 / 2001 season.

They will all be in gym C and all recipients must attend all three try-out sessions.

"The Cheer and Dance team is great to work with," said Peachey, "And the is a lot of team work."

Next year **Jamie Haaf**, grade 11 will be returning from the IB program at Moody Senior to participate in the dance team to help coach and bring more experience.

Along with her there is also a Riverside student, **Lauren Berryman**, who is already helping the team. Berryman has made the Simon Fraser University team and hopes to continue next year with the cheer and dance team.

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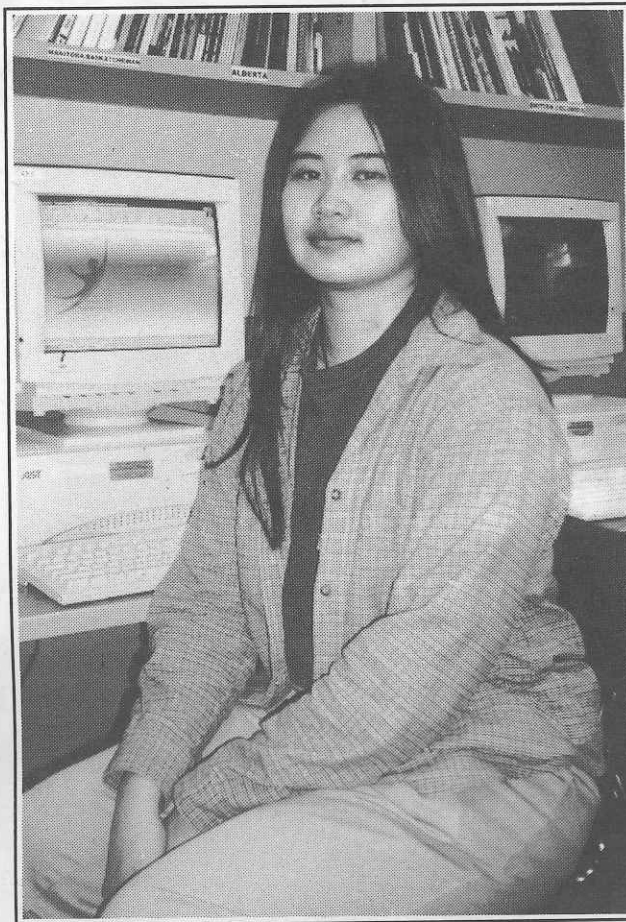
## Web designer heads to provincials with gold standings

JULIE WILLIAMSON  
staff reporter

For **Melissa Tan**, knowledge for designing web pages doesn't only come from reading a book; she learns and uses techniques and ideas her peers give her.

Tan is a seventeen-year-old, grade twelve student making her mark in web designing. She wasn't always interested in designing. Graphic Arts and designing only started appealing to Tan in grade nine when she was able to choose electives in that area. Grade nine was also the time she got her modem and modem manual. "It had a section on designing web pages and html, and I just started playing around with it," said Tan.

During the past few years, Tan has developed knowledge and an interest in the area of Graphic arts, especially web designing, and has been in several competitions. Last year in



Julie Williamson photo

Going for gold once again: **Melissa Tan** shows one of her web designs, as she prepares for the provincial web designing competition on April 14, 2000.

**"Usually, I take my time and design the visual look first and then put the content on"**

grade eleven she was in three competitions: the regionals and provincials for which she won gold, and the nationals.

"I think she has the talent to make it to the international level in her web designing among many other things," said grade twelve **David Kyle**, one of Tan's close friends.

This year, not too long ago, Tan went into regionals and won first place in web designing again. Her score was 392 out of 400. "The competitions have very strict requirements so you have to be organized," said Tan. "Usually, I take my time and design the visual look first and then put the content on because the visual part is what the judges seem to base most of their decision on."

Although she enjoys the competitions, she admits that they can be frustrating. "You have this idea in your mind and you can't get it out onto the computer the way you want it," Tan said. "Plus, I always feel rushed because there is a limited amount of time to work in."

Tan is also involved in other competitions besides web designing. Recently, she was involved in the UBC Physics

Olympia. The contest required Tan and seven teammates to construct different projects that would later be compared and judged against other teams' creations.

Tan not only uses her graphic art skills for competitions, but she also relates them to her schoolwork. In school, she took Information Technology and Graphic Arts and Design as two of her electives. She uses her knowledge from these courses to help her in school whenever she needs to make a presenta-

tion or design a poster. "It helps me to add more of a visual look to the poster," said Tan.

When she's not in competitions or in school, Tan volunteers her time at the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Center designing and updating web pages for them. According to Tan, she enjoys the work because she has lots of freedom when designing the pages.

Also, once a month, Tan meets with District Technology Steering Committee. She, as well as students from other schools draft up proposals about things they've been discussing and send them out to schools to find out what they think.

Although Tan enjoys Graphic Arts and designing very much, she has decided that it isn't a career she would like to pursue. "I've decided that I want to do engineering," she said, "and maybe designing as a side job." Tan wants to take the creativity she has absorbed from web page designing and use it in engineering.

"Melissa is very strong in all areas of computer. She is well read, versatile and has good, personal skills which will help her in any area," said computer teacher, **Jodey Udell**.

Engineering is more appealing to Tan because it involves a variety of things like hands-on computer work, field studies as well as designing. These activities all include her favourite subjects at school, which are Science, Math, Physics, and English.

Tan wants to go into the field of electrical engineering at the University of British Columbia or the University of Waterloo located in Ontario; she has already applied for both. Tan said, "I've also applied for the Waterloo entrance scholarship and the IBM Pacific development scholarship."

Tan's future is important to her, but right now that is not what is on her mind. Next Friday, April 14th, Tan is involved in another provincial web designing competition.

To prepare herself for the provincials, she is planning to review technical topics like cascading style sheets. She is also going to draft up a preliminary design so that she doesn't waste any time thinking of an idea during the competition.

According to Tan, this year's provincials are going to be more stressful than last year's because the first time she went into the competition it was just for fun, but now she has to live up to her title.

## Japanese exchange student doesn't want to return home

PARISA ROSTAMABADI  
staff reporter

Born in Nagano, Japan, where the 1998 Olympic Games were held, exchange student, **Julie Kanada**, grade 10, does not want to return home.



Julie Kanada

four days to meet her host family. She was excited before she came.

She knew Canada was beautiful, but that's about all. "I only knew that hockey was popular in Canada," she said. She imagined it to be a beautiful place with friendly people.

Kanada's image prove to be true when she arrived in December 1998, in grade 9. She says in comparison, Japan is almost the same, except Vancouver is a larger city. Nagano has a larger population, which makes it much more crowded there.

Vancouver has places like Science World and lots of sight seeing, unlike Japan, according to Julie.

After grade 12, Kanada is scheduled to leave Canada and return home. "But I don't want to go back to Japan," she said, shaking her head. She wants to go to college here. Due to Julie's great desire, her parents have agreed.

Kanada did not realize that British Columbia had so many different races of people from all around the world. At times, she finds it hard to speak English. It can also be difficult to go out and communicate.

Being so far away from home, Kanada misses her family back in Japan. Her parents and sister came to visit her for Spring Break. When they are not with her, Kanada's family keeps in touch by regular phone calls and e-mail.

Her parents said when they reunited with their daughter they noticed Julie was different, she seemed to be happier, and she smiled more.

Kanada is currently living with the host family of **Gracen Beutler**,

a retired member of the Gleneagle staff.

Kanada likes the lifestyle people have here in Canada more than Japan. She said the houses are bigger and prettier. People dress up too much in Japan.

At home, breakfast was served to her, but here, everyone makes their own breakfast and does their own laundry. This responsibility has made Kanada more independent.

School is easier here, she said. There are only four classes a day

and it's more fun. In Japan, there is only a short time to eat at lunch, unlike the long lunch hours we have at Gleneagle.

There is also a shorter school day, but more homework in Canada. In comparison to Japan, schools in Vancouver are modern with new computers.

Kanada's goals while in North America are to improve her English and to meet new people.

Her parents hope that Kanada will have a good time growing up in

Vancouver. They think it is better here for her. In Japan there is a lot of hard work, but it's important to enjoy life, school, and work. That is the kind of life they want for their daughter.

It is Kanada's recommendation for students to be in an exchange program. It is adventurous and independence can be achieved.

Ever since Kanada came to Vancouver, she has been more happier. "I'm enjoying my life," she described with a smile.

## Exchange student sees snow for first time

JENNIFER KASUYA  
staff reporter

Vancouver is the current location for Japanese exchange student **Mai Toyama**, who participated in an exchange program last year with her sister school Seirei Gakuen, which is in United States.

Toyama, who seems to be an avid traveller, has been on many trips outside of her home in Shizuoka, Japan, which is near the larger city of Nagoya.

Besides her previous three week trip to the sister school in the States, Toyama has also been on a holiday to Thailand.

She also wore a uniform to school, which is only one of the differences between the two high schools. Other than the freedom to wear what you please, Toyama notes that in Japan they are not able to choose their own classes like we can here. She also says that the schooling system



Mai Toyama

in Japan is much tougher than Gleneagle.

Before coming to Canada, someone had previously told Toyama that Canadian schools are difficult

too, this made for many hours of studying.

She says that she is doing very well with her classes at Gleneagle, and says, "I think they are very similar, Canadian and American schools."

Toyama also says that she enjoys the multicultural society that Canada offers, and because of this she has met many new people from many other nations. "Everyone is very friendly," says Toyama of the people she has met on her trip.

Toyama had a picture of what she thought Vancouver would look like before she arrived. She felt, as did her school friends, that there would be snow everywhere.

Because Vancouver doesn't have a constant layer of snow, the snow we did get in December, was the first time that Toyama has ever seen snow. She was excited because one part of her picture of Vancouver was complete.

Parisa Rostamabadi photo

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## Win over Best boosts rugby record to 2 - 1

CAROLYN GIELEN  
staff reporter

Senior boys rugby defeated Charles Best, 37-5, Thursday, March 30, in their third game of regular league play, bringing them to a 2-1 record. Previous scores have led to a loss to Terry Fox, 18-8, and a win over Pinetree, 17-5.

The team, led by coaches Peter Poka and Dave Allan, had been made up of any interested students, and no cuts were made. Combined senior and junior practices run after school from approximately 3:30-5:00 throughout the week with the exception of game days, which usually fall on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the senior team.

When it comes to practices, Poka's goals are "To have everyone show up. There seems to be a lack of commitment on behalf of some of the senior players." Dustin Tucker, grade 12 team member, feels that, "The practices are very challenging. They make us ever more ready for the games."

As for the future, Nick Simmonds, grade 12 team member, predicts "Our team is small but we should do pretty good. We work well as a team," and Tucker says of the coaches that, "As long as we try our hardest, they don't care whether we win or lose."

The boys play today versus Westview and Thursday April 13 against Port Moody, which will be a home game.



Lifted high for the catch: Matt Fiddler, Grade 12 is hoisted up by his team mates during the senior boys 37 - 5 win over Charles Best. The boys currently sport a 2 - 1 record.

## Junior boys play second game today

CYNTHIA WILDMAN  
staff reporter

Junior boys rugby headed into their first league game undefeated in pre-season play. They won three games in a kick-off tournament, as well as games against Pitt Meadows and Centennial.

Today, the junior boys play their second league game away against Port Moody Secondary.

According to Dave Foster, team coach, Port Moody is a team that is just beginning and still learning the game, so he is expecting that the game will be successful. Other junior boys coaches include Peter Poka and Ross Kinnaird.

The team played their first league game on Tuesday April 4, but the scores were not available at press time.

Foster's goal is to win all of the league games and get first place in the Fraser Valley Championships.

"We have a core of dedicated players who have developed into a cohesive unit; therefore, we will play together on the field. We will have to ruck hard, tackle well and dominate play on the field, and we will be successful," said Foster.

"We will go far. We have a great team and everyone is working hard," said Benny Tung, grade 10.

According to Foster, this year's team of 30-35 players is going to be better than last because everyone has gained experience from last season.

## Rugby girls travel to England as prelude to season

LEANNE HARRISON  
staff reporter

The tier one girl's rugby teams trip to England turned out to be a huge success according to coach Chris Turpin. "The trip was fun and educational," said Turpin.

The girls left early Friday morning, March 17 and returned late Sunday night, March 26. While visiting, the team played a series of games against three different schools in England.

Their first game was against Nailsea where the girls walked away with a 59-5 win. Next game they played against John Cleveland, winning 39-5. Their last game was played against Colston where they ended the game at 53-5.

"We kicked butt," said Shannon Lowe, grade 11.

"It was the best trip I have ever been on," says Amber Cummings, grade 11. "I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

While in England the team visited a number of different tourist attractions, including Warwick Castle, Shakespeare's birth place, Cardiff in Wales, London, Bath and Stonehenge.

"It was the best experience of my life," Carolyn Gielen, grade 12.

"It was a real cultural experience and you got to learn a lot about the way other people around the world live," said Michelle Lagace, grade 11.

"It was fun while it lasted, but it went by way to fast," said Brittany Richardson, grade 10. "I am also glad to be home."

Both the girl's tier one and tier

two teams are well on their way to a great season according to Turpin. Tier one has a record of 4-0. They defeated Queen Elizabeth, Semiamoo, Brookwood and Elgin Park.

Turpin believes that the tier two team is well on their way to a winning season, starting out with a record of 3-0. The team has beaten Walnut Grove, North Delta and Port Moody, in the first three games. "The team is doing so good already, I hope that we can keep it up. I can't wait to find out how we do later in the season," says Teresa Gomm, grade 11.

According to Turpin, the tier one team is fast, aggressive and smart, the tier two team is showing eagerness, energy and signs of wanting to learn.



Where is the ball? The senior girls take part in a scrum in their game against Elgin Park, where they came away with a 58-0 win. Currently, the team is sitting undefeated in league play.

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## Jeff Tambellini sets career in NHL as personal goal

CYNTHIA WILDMAN  
staff reporter

Jeff Tambellini, skates towards his dream to one day play in the National Hockey League. Tambellini, a 15 year old enrolled in grade 10, has currently finished a hockey season with the Junior "B" team, the Port Coquitlam Buckeroos.

Tambellini finished the season leading the Buckeroos with 30 goals, 34 assists, a total of 64 points in 42 regular season games. This placed him fourth in league scoring and top among rookies.

Tambellini made a big jump into the Pacific International Junior Hockey League where he competes against players as old as 20.

"I just try to make sure I am one step ahead of other players I am playing against, whether it is skating, stick handling or weight lifting. I try to push myself to my highest limits," said Tambellini.

The Junior "B" level of hockey is quite different from minor league hockey. The players are smarter and have a higher caliber of play. The rate of the game is faster and the players are faster. According to Tambellini, players have to be able to think fast and react to the play.

This year Tambellini played in the Pacific International Junior Hockey League all star game. During the game he had two goals and two assists. He also participated in the all star skills competition.

Tambellini said, "I was very honoured to be picked on a team with great veterans."

Last year Tambellini was drafted in the Western Hockey League ban-

dam draft by the Spokane Chiefs in the fifth round. According to Tambellini the Chiefs have a great organization and they treat their players well.

During spring break Tambellini went to Spokane to watch the Chiefs play. Tambellini was really impressed with the atmosphere in the building for a junior game.

During the summer of 1999 Tambellini represented British Columbia when he traveled to the Czech Republic to play among the top young hockey players in the world. He was one of six selected in Canada.

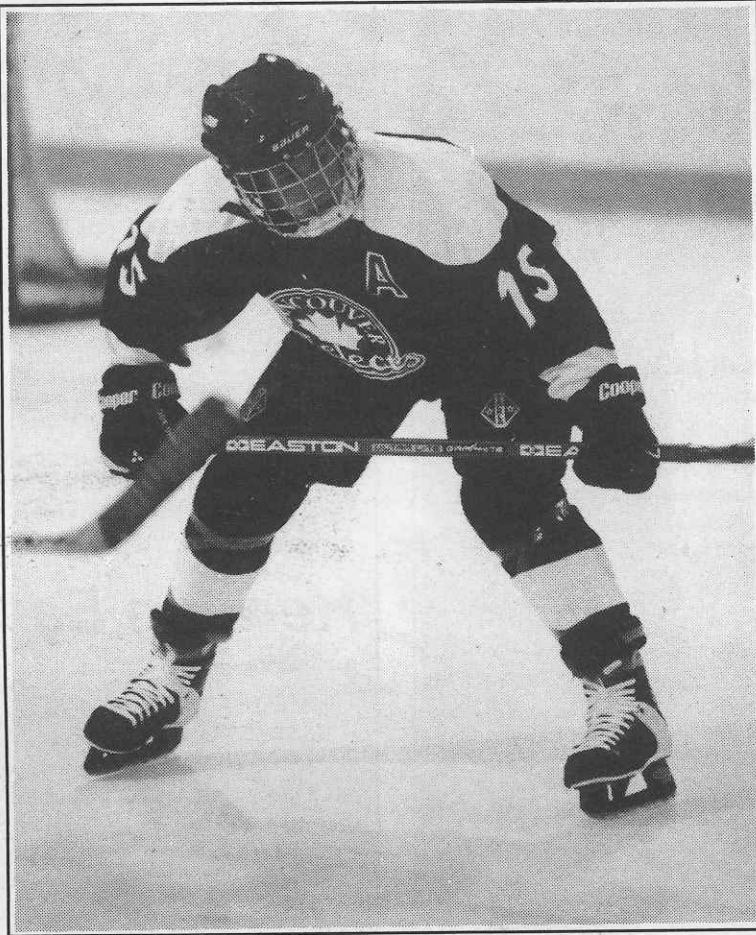
There, 108 of the best young, skilled hockey players combined to improve their skills and to play among one another. Tambellini said, "It was a good show case of the world's talent."

Tambellini has been playing the game ever since he was 5 years old. He plays centre where he feels most comfortable.

Tambellini's dad, Steve, a 10 year National Hockey League veteran and currently vice president of player personnel for the Vancouver Canucks, has influenced Tambellini's hockey career the most. Jeff said, "It helps having a dad who has played in the NHL because he knows what I'm going through because he's been through the same thing."

Steve Tambellini said, "Jeff grew up in a hockey environment. He has a good balance of education, sports and family."

A large portion of Tambellini's week goes into practicing, games, working to improve his skills, pre-



Waiting for the face off: Jeff Tambellini prepares to win the puck in a recent game.

paring for games and resting. This hardly leaves much social time. This doesn't bother Tambellini because he truly loves to play the game.

Games took place twice a week as well as practices. Ice time for practices was available at 10:45 in the night so it makes the wake up call in the morning a little sooner.

According to Steve, Tambellini has good time management skills.

Tambellini labels his strengths, scoring, play making and skating.

"Overall Tambellini is very driven and he has a good skill set," Steve said.

Grant Kerr, head coach and general manager for the Buckeroos, felt that Tambellini fit in right from the start. "Jeff brought a lot of enthusiasm to the game. He has a refreshing attitude and he is always smiling," said Kerr.

According to Kerr, Tambellini is very dedicated, is personally motivated and has an offensive ability.

Nick Farina, team-mate said, "Jeff is a very skilled kid and has a natural ability. The whole team is looking forward to seeing how he does in the future, but we can see that he has great potential."

Tambellini is definitely a leader in the dressing room and he is very composed for a 15 year old, according to Farina.

"Jeff has a great work ethic. He always stays after practices and comes early to games. He has a desire for the game and it helps others out," said Farina.

Do the Buckeroos want Tambellini back on the team? Farina said, "Yes, but we would be holding him back."

Tambellini still feels that there is always room to improve in his game. Tambellini said, "I feel I can better myself in all aspects of my game whether it is physically or mentally."

Although the Buckeroos season is over Tambellini is going to continue to train and play hockey.

Tambellini's goal for next year is to be a leading scorer once again and contribute to what ever team he is playing for.

Tambellini's future lays in the hands of one important decision. He can stay in the BC Hockey League where he would be trying for scholarships, or go into the Western Hockey League. "It will be the hardest decision I will ever have to make," said Tambellini.

According to Steve Tambellini, the road to professional hockey takes a lot of sacrifices and it is a long road to the top, but something Tambellini is willing to try.

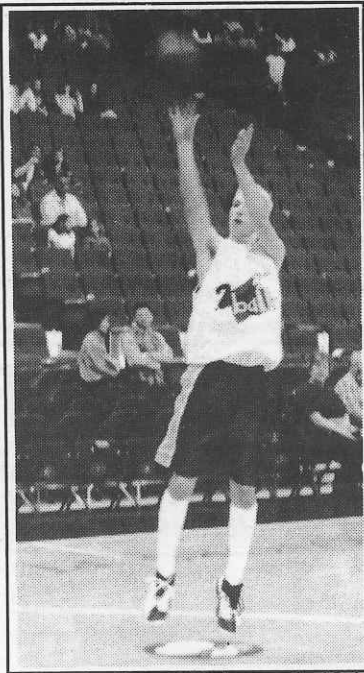
## Turner, Mula score highest in two ball competition in B.C history

CLINTON TIESSEN  
staff reporter

Doran Turner, grade 12 and Garret Mula, grade 12, will most likely be progressing to the North American two ball competitions. In this competition two teams from the East and two teams from the West of Canada compete. If they win there, they continue onto the North American two ball finals. Turner and Mula did well according to Doug Binns, sponsor of the event for Gleneagle.

"They did incredible and even set a record for British Columbia." Turner and Mula set a record for British Columbia in the two ball competition scoring 99 points.

Many Gleneagle players including Patricia Kretz, grade 11, Kris English, grade 11, and Reeta Prakash, grade 11, all went to General Motors Place to compete in the NBA two ball competition. The



In the air: Garret Mula, grade 12, is seen taking a shot in the NBA two ball competition. Along with partner Doran Turner, they are most likely to move on to the finals.

competition occurred on Sunday, April 2 at GM Place during halftime against the Dallas Mavericks.

"They all did great and had good attitudes through out the competition," said Binns. "I was proud of the way that they kept themselves under control and competed."

Kretz did great with Prakash in

the secondaries scoring 103 points, but failed to come through in the finals at GM Place scoring just 22 points. Prakash commented on her showing saying, "I just couldn't hit any (shots), I was so nervous; there was so much pressure."

English got knocked out as well scoring 75 points in the secondar-

ies, but managed to put up just nine points at GM Place. English commented on his play saying, "We did really bad because we were throwing really crappy passes." Disappointed English continued on saying, "We weren't expecting to win, but we were expecting at least 50 to 60 points."

## Cheer, dance head to Jamboree this Saturday

AMANDA GIENE  
staff reporter

Cheer and Dance placed eighth overall, at Port Moody Secondary, March 4, at the Provincial Cheer Competition.

"The team felt great going in and coming out of the tournament," said Cassandra Peachey, senior team member. "The team felt awesome about the competition."

The Cheer and Dance team has another competition coming up on

this Saturday, April 8, in New Westminister. The competition is a Jamboree, going on at New Westminister Secondary. The Jamboree atmosphere allows for games to be taking place throughout the day for teens and is free from 10am until 4pm that afternoon.

"It should be really fun especially for spectators because they get to participate in something as well," said Peachey.

There will be two groups of five girls doing stunts, five duos along with one individual performances.

"The team is more relaxed now, and they're are more focused," said Pauline Fleming, team coach.

Along with that competition the team will be performing their Grey Cup dance, which has a cheer music mix called 'Joining The Party' at the talent show on May 17. It will be a glow in the dark routine and will be, "Fun to watch," says Peachey. "Everyone from Gleneagle should come out to

watch."

The team will be holding tryouts on Tuesday April 25, Thursday April 27 and Tuesday May 2, for anyone who missed out this year and is interested in taking part in the 2000/2001 season. They will all be in gym C and all recipients must attend all three tryout sessions.

"The Cheer and Dance team in great to work with," said Peachey, "and there is a lot of team work."

"The team as a whole show a large group of committed people," said Flemming.

Next year Jamie Haaf, grade 11 will be returning from IB at Moody Sr. to participate in the dance team to help coach and bring more experience.

Along with her, there is also a Riverside student, Lauren Berryman, who is already helping the team. Berryman has made the SFU team and hopes next year to continue with the cheer and dance team.

## Senior girls soccer hope for another provincial finish

JULIE WILLIAMSON  
staff reporter

The Senior Girls Soccer team has started out the new season by winning their first four games, a 4-0 record.

After placing fourth in the province last year, the team is ready to move forward. According to co-coach, Doug Maclean, the teams goal for this year is to make the

provincials, win their league and to be number one in the Fraser Valley.

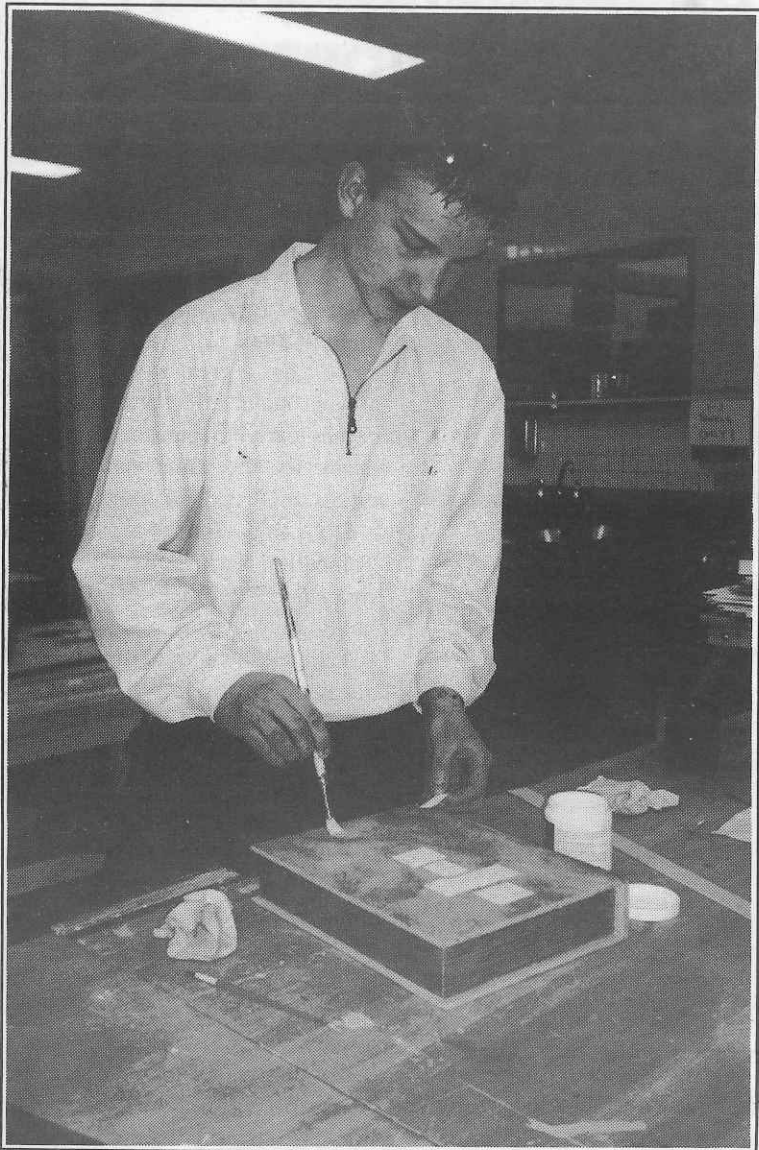
"Their game against Pitt Meadows was the first time they actually played as a team," Maclean added.

Team captain, Megan Jones, grade 12, said "We have the potential to win the provincials; we just have to work really hard like we did last year." The teams toughest competitors are Centennial and Terry

Fox.

Jones also added, "Most of us have been together for three years, so we all know one anothers plays". This tactic helps the team become more co-ordinated when playing.

Maclean sums up the team as "very skilled girls, who have fun playing soccer". The girls play games Monday and Wednesday for those who want to cheer them on.



Jessica Ross photo

**Lights, Camera, Action!: Elliott Bogusz, grade 11, prepares the props for next month's drama production *Blood Wedding*. The Stage Craft 11 class has been hard at work producing the set since January. *Blood Wedding* is scheduled to open early May.**

## Actors, crew prepare for opening of *Blood Wedding*

ALANNA BOYD  
staff reporter

"It's all about love, (how) it's wrong to deny it." Matt Zustovic, grade 10, said about the most recent production of the drama department, *Blood Wedding*, a love story based on actual events in 19th century Spain.

"The Bride", a 22 year old Spanish woman, played by Leanne Mack, grade 12, is set to marry "The Bridegroom", played by Colin Steele, grade 10. According to the wishes of her father, she is engaged to marry the man he considers the best suitor for his daughter, even if it means sacrificing her dreams of marrying the man whom she is truly meant to be with.

Ironically enough, her soul mate, "Leonardo", played by Zustovic, enters her life and opens her eyes up to the one true love that she dreamt of as a tiny girl. From then on, the battle for true love begins.

"It's basically about the struggle of women, and how they had to suffer and face social consequences; what people thought of her," said Mack. "She's pretty well off before she's set to marry, but her father really wants her to marry the most eligible husband. The Bridegroom has quite a lot of money, and has a lot of land, so that's who she's set to marry."

The group began rehearsing in early September, and currently they rehearse Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday until 6:00 P.M. with a run through two times a week. "We've never been this dedicated to anything," said Keitha Harris, grade 10, who plays the role of The Bridegroom's mother. "We've done a lot of hard work on understanding what the lines mean; the sub text of it all."

According to the cast, a portion of the roles are difficult to play, and require a lot of hard work. "My character is difficult to play," explains Zustovic "He has a lot of emotion, but never shows it. He's very mysterious."

Mack agrees with Zustovic on this, in saying, "I have a very challenging role. I'm very proud that this is going to be my last role and it's great to be with such hard-working actors."

Besides the actors, many other people are hard at work on other preparations for the production. A stagecraft class is hard at work, doing the final preparations for the elaborate props that will stand throughout the production.

"We're the unknowns behind the scene, the people making the props," said Elliott Bogusz, grade 11. Props being made include backdrops, arches, and small properties.

The play runs from May 3rd to 13th, with three matinee performances. Evening performances are offered as well. The cast is performing here for other schools as well during the run of the show.

The cost is \$5.00 dollars to see either the matinee or evening performances.

## edge reviews

### Brockovitch worth the \$10 ticket

JANNY RODRIGUEZ  
staff reporter

Although I was expecting a more family oriented film I enjoyed Julia Roberts' stunning performance in the new film *Erin Brockovitch*. She displayed the same charm and talent that made this pretty woman famous. Julia once again proves that she's still got it.

Based on a true story, the movie is centred around a woman who manages to make it big in a small

law firm with just a high school diploma.

Erin Brockovitch, single mother of 3, has no job, no experience, and no money. She finds that no one is willing to hire her and she becomes desperate. By being persistent she lands herself a job at a small law firm.

When her babysitter bails on her she is left with no other solution than to leave her children in the care of her new next door neighbour who just happens to be a biker.

Causing many uproars with her inappropriate clothing, obscene language and aggressive attitude, Erin demonstrates that she doesn't need a degree to succeed.

In the end she manages to earn the respect of all her peers and finds fulfilment in her life.

Julia Roberts once again delights us with her ability to make the screen come alive.

If you are interested in law and admire Julia Roberts this movie is for you.

### 'Here on Earth' far from normal

AMY BROOKES  
staff reporter

All I wanted was a fun night out with a friend, and not knowing anything about the movie when I got to the theatre *Here on Earth* seemed like the perfect choice. I was pleasantly surprised.

*Here on Earth* moved away from the thoughtless realm of teenage movies and gave all us teenagers a little bit of credit. *Here on Earth* explores topics that haven't yet been seen in movie starring teenagers aimed at teenagers.

The movie revolves around the lives of three characters; Jasper

(Josh Hartnett), Samantha (Leelee Sobieski), and Kelly (Chris Klein). Kelly, a cocky rich kid with too much time on his hands, and Jasper and Samantha who have lived and dated in the small town neighbouring Kelly's school for all their lives.

Kelly and Jasper meet one night and attempt to prove their 'masculinity' through the stereotypical movie challenge; a drag race, that eventually leads to the destruction of the local hang out, "Mable's Table" owned by, conveniently enough, Samantha's mother. As probation, Kelly and Jasper must work to rebuild "Mable's Table."

Jasper and Samantha's relationship is strained, as Jasper is completely aware that Samantha is falling in love with Kelly. The movie goes on to unravel the relationship that Samantha has with both Jasper and Kelly. When Jasper finally realizes that he has lost Samantha, the movie takes an interesting twist, leaving each character longing for something that they can't have.

This film explores the possibilities of true love, peer pressure and meddling parents, leaving you thankful that your life isn't as complicated as theirs.

### KoRn, Limp Bizkit big hit at planetarium light show

ALANNA KOSHLAY  
staff reporter

Are you getting tired of seeing the same old movies at the movie theatre when there is nothing else left to do? From now until June the planetarium is showing a rock light show at night from Thursday to Saturday at 9:30 pm.

The show is starring the rock stylings of *Limp Bizkit*, *KoRn* and *Rage Against the Machine*. As long as you are a fan of these bands, you will definitely enjoy the music.

The music selections, from the

*Limp Bizkit* album, *Significant Other*, include *Nookie*, *Rearranged*, and *Break Stuff*. The *KoRn* selections include their singles such as *Falling Away from Me*, *Got the Life*, *Freak on a Leash* and *Make Me Bad*.

Some of the *Rage* songs are *Sleep Now in the Fire*, *Gorilla Radio* and *In the Name Of*. All together, the show's entire set is just over 45 minutes.

The light show itself is cool to watch and if you love these bands as much as I do, you are sure to get your moneys worth.

The *Limp Bizkit*, *KoRn*, and

*Rage Against the Machine* show is presented by Vancouver's new rock alternative radio station, X-FM 104.9. Be sure to go early, as the first two shows were completely sold out due to a lot of advertising and air play.

I definitely recommend that you check this show out before it leaves in June. It was a fun night filled with bright lights, lasers, and loud music. This is a great addition to the planetarium, and I hope they keep shows like this running for the great entertainment.

Tickets are \$7.48 each.

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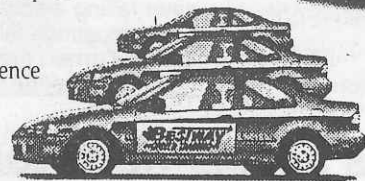
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