



## Valedictorian to be elected in B block



Jessica Ross Photo

Fighting for the valedictorian spot: Nominees for valedictorian of the class of 2000 include grade 12 students Justin McAlleenan, Geoffrey Stewart, Susie Sulcs, Eun Soo Jeoun, Krystle Bluhm, Jared Symonds, Mariana Oliveira, Saleh Tousi, and Geoffrey Petrie.

JEN KASUYA  
staff reporter

The valedictorian election speeches will be held during block B today. At this assembly, the grade 12 students will listen to the rules and expectations for the Grad Dinner Dance, which is set for June 9 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel.

The valedictorian candidates will present a three to five minute long speech to the grade 12 students on the topic of why they would like to be valedictorian.

Nominees include grade 12 students Krystle Bluhm, Mariana Oliveira, Justin McAlleenan,

Jared Symonds, Geoffrey Stewart, Eun Soo Jeoun, Geoffrey Petrie, Susie Sulcs and Saleh Tousi.

After the nine candidates have finished their short speeches, every student will mark, on ballot forms, the name of the person they think should be valedictorian. The ballot forms will be handed out as students enter the gym by teachers and counsellors.

Wayne Reid expects the ballot format to be a quick, effective and precise way to make the final valedictorian decision. Reid also expects the winner of the valedictorian speech to tentatively be announced later on during the day.

Once the speeches and voting has finished the floor will focus its attention to Frank Gigliotti as he will go over the expectations of the students' behaviour on behalf of both the administration and the Westin Bayshore Hotel management.

The grade 12 students will also be receiving more information about commencement ceremony and the tickets. These tickets can be picked up from Reid, in the counselling area.

If students have any concerns about any aspects of either the dinner, dance or the commencement ceremony they should ask during the assembly or contact Reid or Gigliotti for answers afterwards.

## Dinner, Dance set for June 9 at Westin Bayshore Hotel

CYNTHIA WILDMAN AND PARISA ROSAMABADI  
staff reporters

Grad dinner, dance is set for June 9. It will take place at the new Westin Bayshore Hotel located near Stanley Park.

The Stanley Park Ball Room will be opened for the graduating students at 6:30pm, when the reception will take place. The event will last until 12:30am. Then students will have the option of attending the after grad party if they have purchased their tickets beforehand.

Four hundred and thirty \$67.00 tickets have been sold. During reception, punch will be served and photos will be taken by Jostens.

From 7:30 to 9:00pm dinner will be served. This year's buffet dinner consists of assorted salads, hot and cold dishes, desserts and beverages, all included in the purchased ticket.

Dancing will begin at 9:00pm and continue until the end of the night. Music will be provided by Masterplan, for the second year in a row.

The tables of ten will be arranged around the

dance floor. The Westin Bayshore Hotel was also the setting of last years dinner, dance; however renovation has closed the ball room until tomorrow when the completely new facility will be opened.

According to Frank Gigliotti, head of grad committee, the management was so pleased with the behavior of last years graduating class that they wanted them back for the reopening.

Decorations will be done by the grade 11 Student Council members. Planning and preparations began second semester. The grad committee has been meeting regularly to ensure the night to be a success.

According to Gigliotti, who was involved with planning the event last year, it will be slightly different as the menu will differ and the new facility.

There will be hired security, administration and staff supervision present to ensure safety, but Gigliotti has no concerns.

The dinner, dance is eight days away and students are preparing. Sean Huff, grade 12, said, "I rented my tux. All I have to do is take a shower, put gel in

### Grad Cost Survey

Most opted to go all out for the notorious Grad Dinner, Dance. From a small \$245 for the event, to a whopping \$1254, the costs varied with one statistic standing out: women spend 28% more than men. Average costs, based upon 50 grade 12's surveyed:

- \* Hair, makeup: \$65
- \* Dress: \$245
- \* Purse: \$33
- \* Shoes (female): \$55
- \* Suit (buy): \$292
- \* Shoe (male): \$52
- \* Tux Rental: \$163
- \* Average covered by parent : \$395
- \* Average total Female costs: \$643
- \* Average total Male costs: \$502

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### upcoming events

Wednesday, June 7  
Awards Night

Friday, June 9  
Non Instructional Day  
Grad Dinner, Dance

Friday, June 16  
Last Day of Classes

Monday, June 19  
Exam Schedule Begins

Sunday, June 25  
Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 29  
Students Pick up Report Cards



## a view from the edge

### We are proud of our successes

With the year coming to a close it's only natural for us to look back upon the many things that we have accomplished this year. Our school is in its third year of operation and has made a huge contribution to the people and places around us.

The Senior Girls Rugby team has been the Provincial Champions for the last two years. The Senior Boys volleyball team placed 8th in the province and the Senior Girls placed 12th! Our Senior Girls Soccer Team placed third in the BC's.

Grade 12 student **Garret Mula** is competing in the Track and Field Provincials next weekend. Our winning Junior teams, have also placed in the Coquitlam Districts and in the Fraser Valleys.

Our excellence doesn't stop there. Gleneagle continues to succeed in our Fine Art Department winning Provincial Graphic competitions, this year's major theater production of *Blood Wedding* and impressive Choir and Band performances.

As we strive to be better we cannot forget what we have accomplished this year. Not everyone may play on a team or sing in the choir but each student has added their own personal touch to the hallways of Gleneagle. With another year to look forward to let's not forget what 1999-2000 has meant to us.

### Another year passes by

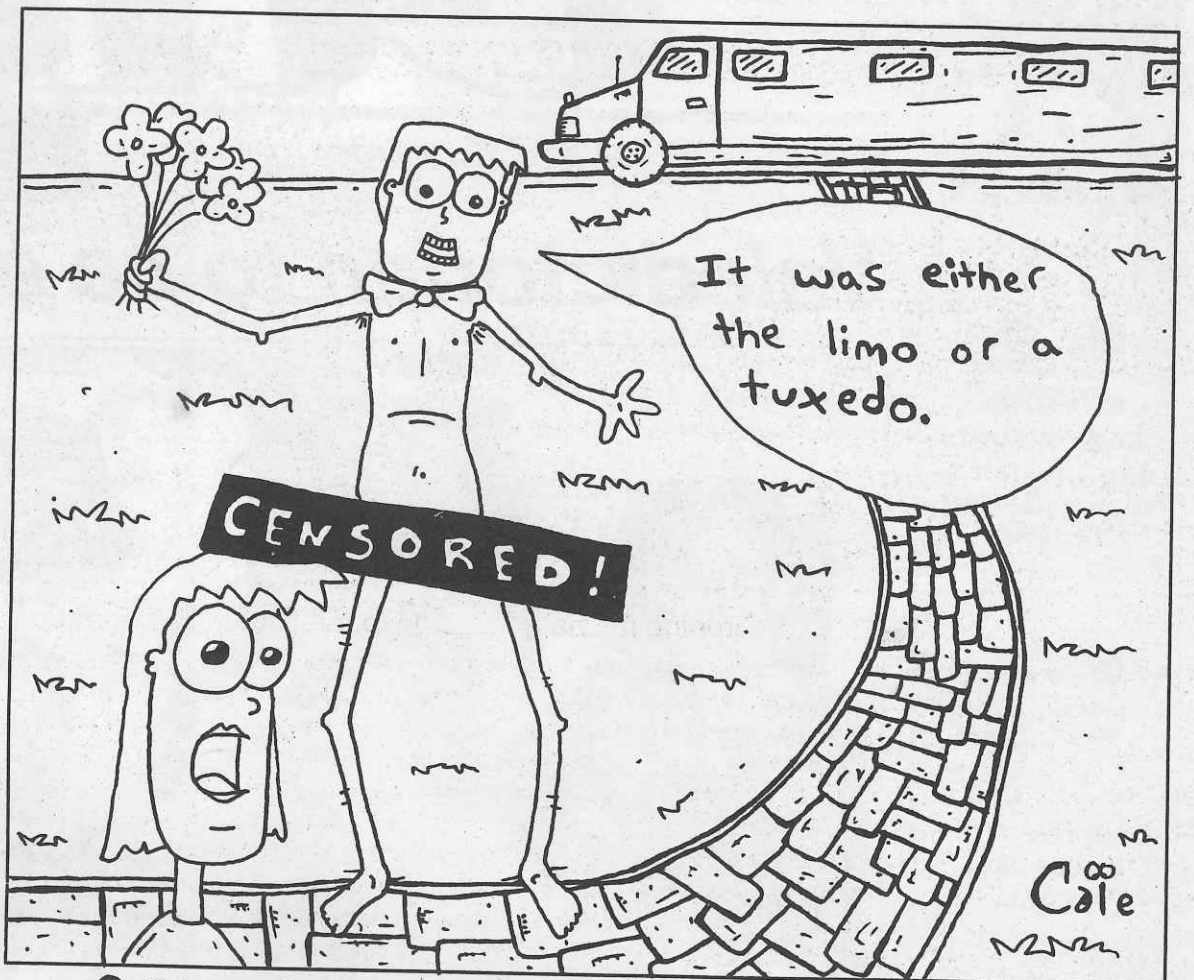
Another year passes and only two months after that great walk across the stage, fresh pairs of eyes find our halls again. Some of us are moving on to a bigger, faster world filled with rent and tuition, while others enjoy their final years of high school.

This year brought Ricky Martin, American Beauty, brand new relationships, and experiences. Twenty years from now we will all have different tales of woe over finals and grammar lessons and happiness over hoidays and bonus assignments. Some will talk of the Last Luau and the crowning of a Pineapple prince or princess, while others will joke over Mr. Turpin smooching the snake.

What we choose to carry with us will define our high school experience. Sixteen hundred students attend the same classes, the same school dances. Some will curse the pink building that held them captive for the past three years while others will laugh and long for the carefree days of Gleneagle.

It is easy now to grumble about our school, but in a blink of an eye it will all be over. There will be no more spirit assemblies, no more lollipop Fridays or Pro-D days. No more morning announcements, drama productions or even editions of *The Edge*. These are the precious things in our youth that we need to hold on to.

In another ten or twenty years it will be time to give the "Back in my day" speeches about chocolate bars for a dollar, the Y2K bug and the introduction of the toonie.



### GRAD COST CUT BACKS.

### Never Neverland is beyond our reach; time to start making real life plans

Once again the school is alive with the sounds of graduation. Should I be sad because it is not my turn to walk across the stage and that I have to return for another year?

I do not get to wear a grad dress on the ninth of June. I do not get to ride in a limo, or choose a cap and gown. I do not get to give a final good bye to those I have known and know I will not bother to call.

But now I do not have to pay for my education, decide my future, move out or have a real adult conversation. I get to stay young for just a little while longer.

Peter Pan lies, for there is no Never Neverland. I can go to the second

star to the right and straight on until morning, but I will never find a place where I can truly be a Toys R Us kid forever.

Right now the thought of graduation is scary and it is hard to believe that I am only one year away from the 'real world'. It seems like only yesterday I was hoping for my thirteenth birthday.

True I want the grad celebrations and the praise, and feelings of accomplishment will be nice but with all privileges and new things there are new responsibilities.

Maybe next year I will stop my pessimism and join a team or a club, attend the Luau or even buy a lollipop.

I along with everyone else will sit back and let one more year fly by. And I will not realize how, excuse the Hallmark greeting, pre-

vious these times are.

I am glad that I do not have to make any real decisions yet. What am I doing after next year? I am once again going to get my schedule, all figured out for me, mailed to my house and I am going to be told when I can eat lunch. I am going to be told where I can sit in my new classes and that "I am in grade 12 now" so I need to be "serious" about my education.

I will still need my one last hoorah, my year of being top dog, top of the high school totem pole, the future of the new millennium.

Or of course I can stay in high school forever. Taking courses one at a time until I am fifty then I will truly be ready to step into the real world. Until then I will have to hold onto these 'wonderful' teenage moments.



Jessica Ross  
edge columnist

### We learned how to give a good performance, says columnist

I have been shown the way of the world through lessons in classes. I know that what doesn't kill you, will make you stronger, and friends who will honestly stand by you, will only add to your strength.



Jen Kasuya  
edge columnist

Teachers, instructors, and administrators have tried to teach us lessons that we need to be successful as we leave high school and approach the brave, new world. But, I think that the most important lesson that I am taking with me, is to perform.

I have finally come to understand that every thing we will do in school, sports, and life is a performance. We will constantly be displayed for approval or disapproval. High school has

prepared us for our ultimate performance, our life.

So as we, the graduates of the year 2000, and those to follow, question the relevancy of our past education, remember all the times you got kicked out, or skipped class.

Remember all the times you got busted for skipping, the times you were praised, and all the times you succeeded.

All these trials and tribulations will help you refine your performance as we step into the "big world".

The lessons over the past three years have perfected our characters, given us strength, and shown us what is accepted, what is tolerated, and who we are.

So to all the grads out there, as they say, "Break a leg."

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## "What do you find stressful about grad?"

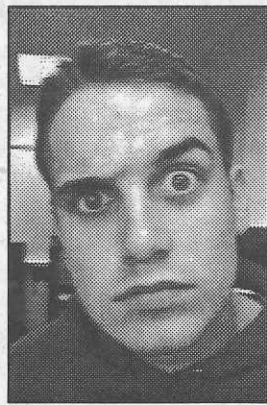
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"Not burning my face when I am ironing my hair."  
**Yvonne Ng,**  
grade 12.



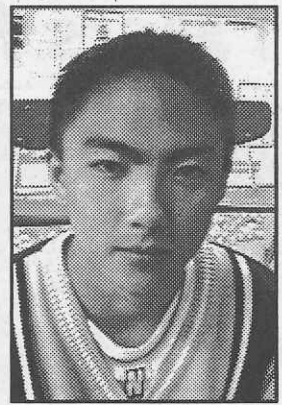
"Not having enough bus fair to go to the liquor store."  
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"Finding a hot date and having to turn down all the grade nine girls,"  
**Dorrnan Turner,**  
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"How much alcohol to buy,"  
**Darren Munks,**  
grade 12.



"Having to return my monkey suit the next morning when I should be in Whistler."  
**Nick Cristobal,**  
grade 12

## I spotted Matthew Good

As a teenager I learn something new about myself everyday. I recently realised that I am one of those people who cannot help but act like an idiot when meeting a famous person. My face goes bright red and my tongue get's tied up in a knot, leaving me unable to speak.



**Kim Macleod**  
edge columnist

I found out my "famous person" dilemma this past weekend, while my family and I were having dinner at the local white spot. Before getting our meal, a familiar face caught my attention.

After I stared at the boy for a bit I realised it was Matthew Good, of the Matthew Good Band. That's when my problem reared it's ugly

head, my face turned beet red, and my tongue started to get in a knot. In fact it was so tied up that when Matt walked behind our booth to go pay the check, my mom had to ask him if he would mind signing autographs.

Your problem wondering what the big deal is, for he is a just a person like you and me. I think I get this way because it is intimidating that this person has talent and is able to realize their dreams. Thank goodness she asked or I might have been "unable" to say anything to him. Well I got the autograph and was beaming about it for three days. The only thing that was bad about the situation was the fact that he must of thought of me as a typical teenage girl fan. The thing is that I know if I were ever lucky enough to meet him again I would problem do the same thing and act like an idiot, I guess I will never learn.

## Finally The Rock came back!

Finally The Rock has come back to Vancouver!

Our throats are soar and our ears are ringing. We lined up to get in the building, I thought to find our seats. And we had the best time in our lives!

WWF Raw's War graced our city on Monday night. Fortunately, we were close enough to our WWF heroes to see their sweat, and the spit spraying from their million dollar mouths.

We always made fun of those girls at the N' Sync concerts that are going hysterical. But it was hard not to loose sense when The Rock is a mere four rows away.

It was a totally different experience than what we expected. It was all about the actors facing the camera.

It was like paying to be an extra on television show. Once the cameras were off, so was the obsessive screaming.

During commercial breaks the crowd was far from silent. Females in the crowd kept the male ticket holders satisfied with their own little flashing contest..

Kid Rock blew us away with his performance of 'American Badass' Although he only stayed for one song it was all worth it. Joe-C, The Kid Rock midget, went through many trials. From being stuffed into one of our very own Vancouver garbage cans, to nailing Christian in the groin with a good old Canadian hockey stick, to dancing with Too Cool.

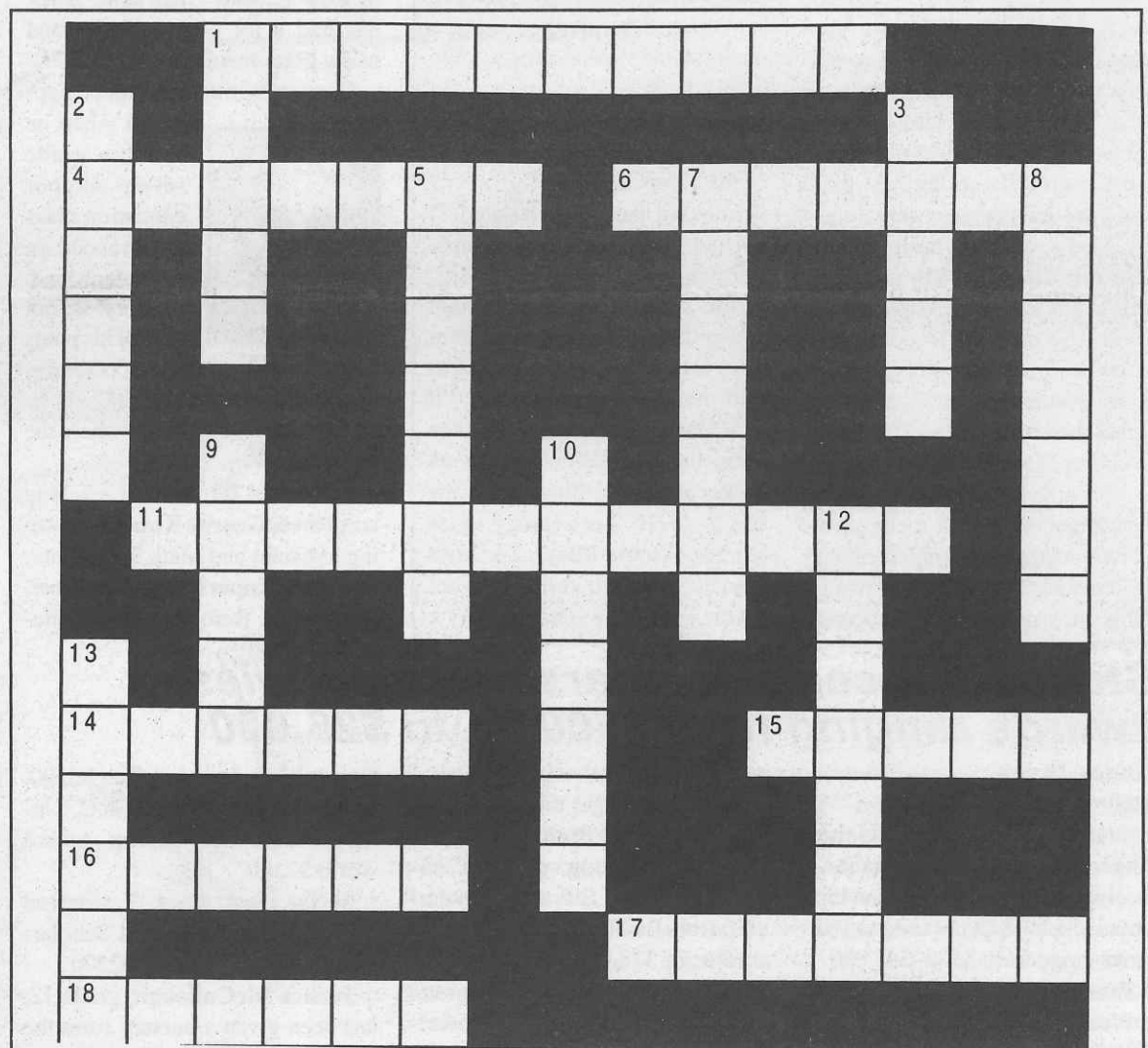
The Rock stole the show staying well after the cameras were turned off to please the fans. He received a standing ovation of Rocky! Rocky! Rocky!

He stayed in the ring for fifteen minutes saying the lines we paid to hear him say, and proclaiming Vancouver the People's city.



**Jessica Ross & Amy Brookes**  
edge columnists

## solve the vacation crossword to win



name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### across

- 1 The city 'land' in which Mickey and Minnie reside
- 4 The Grand Canyon cuts through this state
- 6 Country where the tulips grow, the windmills blow
- 11 Take a ride across the 'Golden State Bridge'
- 14 The city where 'Big Ben' resides
- 15 Home of the pyramids and hieroglyphics
- 16 Home to 'The Opera House' & the 2000 Olympics
- 17 The 'Hanging Gardens of \_\_\_\_\_'
- 18 Take a safari through this continent's savanna

### down

- 1 Try crossing this country's wall
- 2 Aloha!
- 3 The Eiffel Tower's home town
- 5 Where her 'Liberty' stands proud
- 7 Niagara Falls plunges into this province
- 8 European country where the vikings originated
- 9 Take a ride on this country's Bullet Train
- 10 Stone Henge is located in this country's vast plains
- 12 Home of the famous Canadian rodeo, stam-pede
- 13 State that's always cold, has an airline named after it

Return your completed crossword puzzle to the designated box in the library by the end of 'D' block, and have your name entered to win a \$15.00 Future Shop Gift Certificate. Staff members of *The Edge* are not eligible to win. Good luck to everyone!



## Students place first in Mars Rover Race



Wayne Biley photo

**Planning the pick-up:** Firman Sulem and Thomas Hon, grade 11's, complete their mission to retrieve foreign objects on their terrestrial trek, May 6, at the Mars Rover Race held at H.R. MacMillan Centre.

**CAROLYN GIELEN**  
staff reporter

Four Gleneagle students participated in the Second Annual Mars Rover Race, May 6 at the H.R. MacMillan Centre in Vancouver, and brought home first place. Along with their win, the team managed to also snag the Best Documentation Award given to the group with the best plans and designs for their vehicle.

**Andy Au, Firman Sulem, Steven Chan and Thomas Hon**, all in grade 11, entered the contest with the purpose to construct a man powered "moonbuggy-type" vehicle that would be able to navigate the terrain of another planet such as Mars.

On arrival, vehicles had to be packaged in a 1.25 meter cubed box and then assembled on site. Gleneagle's team accomplished this in 1 minute and 8 seconds.

Obstacle courses were set up and named, for example, the "Crater of Death," and retrieval missions were laid out in which items such as water balloons and full pop cans had to be attained using a manipulator "space arm." "We didn't think we'd win at first, but some of the other vehicles ended up in pretty bad shape," said Sulem of the competition.

Looking ahead, Chan stated, "I am looking forward to the competition next year and hope to win." Aside from next year's Mars Rover Race, the group of four boys is now taking on the project of a motor powered go-kart. "It [the Mars Rover Race] has given them the motivation to take on bigger and better things," says the boys' 11/12 Technology class teacher **Wayne Biley**. The boys plan to have their kart completed by the end of the school year.

## Students receive scholarships, bursaries, awards ranging from \$500 up to \$26,000

**CLINTON TIESSEN**  
staff reporter

Students from Gleneagle have been diligent enough in their studies to receive awards and scholarships. These scholarships, awards, and bursaries range from \$500- \$26,000.

**Eun Soo Jeoun**, grade 12, received a \$26,000 Chancellor's Scholarship from Queen's University and a \$20,000 Gordon M. Shrum Scholarship.

Jeoun commented on his scholarships by saying, "I am happy about

receiving the scholarships, but I worked hard to get them."

Both **Krystle Bluhm**, grade 12, and **David Young**, grade 12, received a Major Entrance Scholarship from Bishop's University with a value of \$18,000.

**Marni Winterbottom**, grade 12, received a \$16,000 US scholarship. It was the Henry H. Reichhold Scholarship.

**Colin Hardin**, grade 12, **Dan Modesto**, grade 12, and **Erin You**, grade 12, all received the S.F.U.

## Thirteen committees plan June 25 commencement ceremony

**PARISA ROSTAMABADI AND CYNTHIA WILDMAN**  
staff reporters

Commencements will be on June 25 at the Orpheum Theatre in Vancouver, from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Students will arrive at 1:15pm and the doors will open at 1:30 for seating. The theatre will hold 400 grads and 2400 guests. Because of the size of this year's graduating class, a large facility was needed.

The choir will sing in the foyer and baby pictures of graduating students will be shown as guests enter.

At 2:00 the platform party will enter and the graduating class will

follow into the seating area. The super-intendant and principal will then deliver speeches, followed by the valedictorian's speech.

Each student will be called up to receive their grad folder and diploma as their grad photos are displayed on the large screen. Their achievements, honours and awards will be announced. They will also announce a couple of students that have received special scholarships.

A video will be presented about the graduating class' school year. The ceremony will last two hours.

There were 35 staff members that organised the event. According to

**Wayne Reid**, head of organisation, there are thirteen committees to insure that commencement is a success.

One committee will be decorating the stage with flowers. Reid explains that there is not that much decorating involved because the Orpheum Theatre is very classy.

Staff will arrive at the Orpheum at approximately 10:00am to get this set up and ready.

Students and parents are asked to come through the Smythe and Seymour entrance into the theatre.

Tomorrow is the last day for students to decide if they will attend the commencement ceremony.

## Four staff plan for after-retirement

**ALANNA BOYD, AMY BROOKES AND CLINTON TIESSEN**  
staff reporters

Four Gleneagle staff members will be retiring after this semester.

**Bill Alley**, math teacher, is throwing in the towel after 32 years of teaching. Having taught at Kilmer, Glenn, Montgomery, Meadow Brook, Mountain Meadows, Moody Jr., and Gleneagle, Alley has had a lot of experience and many great recollections.

One interesting experience happened when he and his grade seven outdoor education class got stranded on Gambier Island. Alley is not sure of his plans after retiring,

but plans on staying in BC. As he referred to it, he will "Go where the wind takes him."

After over 63 years of teaching combined, **George Kuperis**, learning assistant and Math 9A teacher, and **Sonia Kuperis**, English teacher, are retiring. Before coming to Gle-

neagle, they taught in Alberta, and decided to move to Coquitlam because of the ocean, which provides great sailing conditions.

Having taught English for 33



**George & Sonia Kuperis**

years, Mrs. Kuperis has taught at a variety of levels, including grades 5-12, and male convicts.

Mr. Kuperis, has played in the Calgary Symphony, as a military officer, and taught, music is a key part of his life. "I wanted to teach music here, but both of the positions had already been taken."

The Kuperis' are looking forward to experiencing different cultures, seeing different places, and according to Mr. Kuperis, "Taking the challenge of sailing. Moving up, down, and every way with the ocean." They depart on

July 15 for San Francisco, Mexico, Venezuela, and New Zealand.

Mrs. Kuperis plans to freelance write about her journeys and read books. She will also be a part time consultant for research education for Professor Wong at SFU.

Also retiring is the library assistant **Elizabeth Evans**. Evans started teaching elementary school in BC for 4 years and then moved to the prairies as a teaching assistant and learning the library for 4 years.

"Evans worked at Mary Hill, Moody Jr. and Monty Jr.

In her spare time she plans to garden, take day trips around BC, and travel to Maui and Europe.

According to Evans, the changes over her years of teaching has been the advance in technology and better libraries.

When asked if she is going to miss the library Evans answers, "Yes, I'm an avid reader so I'm going miss being around the books!"



**Elizabeth Evans**

## After grad tickets will be available June 8

**ERIN MYLES**  
staff reporter

Yesterday was one of the last times that grade twelves will be able to purchase after-grad tickets. Tickets will be sold again on June 8th in blocks D and E for any students who have not made plans. "Many students don't know what their plans will be until grad night," said **Gail Miller**, after-grad committee member. "By purchasing an after-grad ticket students can have a concrete back-up plan even if their other plans for the night fall through."

There are many things planned for the evening that starts at one a.m. and goes until five a.m. Not only will students be able to try out the Velcro Wall and play casino games, but there will be dancing all night. Each student can get a tattoo from Red Dragon Tattoos or try out their vocal talents with a karaoke machine. Grads will also have the opportunity to have their photographs taken in the photo corner or have their picture drawn by a caricaturist. All of these activities and the refreshments at the party are free, and students can win prizes

that include gift certificates for dinner, calling cards, phones, or a leather jacket.

Eight students submitted essays for the essay contest to win a limousine. The company that provided the limousine selected **Kelly Galbraith** the winner.

Set up for the event will take most of the day. The committee is hoping to have many volunteers to help them set up and decorate the Port Moody Rec. Centre in their carnival theme. "It's a big job," says Miller, "We hope many parents and students will be able to help us."

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## looking forward/looking back

In honour of graduation, we've compiled the thoughts of guest writers from several different schools. Students of the past, present, and future have expressed their feelings on life and learning at Gleneagle.

### Options are endless

BRIGITTE DRESCHER  
Guest Columnist  
Moody Middle

So far, I've heard nothing but great things about Gleneagle. My cousin is graduating from there this year, and has told me many cool things about the school. Some of the things that I am especially looking forward to are:

- Being able to play on Coach Binns' junior girls basketball team, as he is an awesome coach.
- Being involved in the drama program and taking the Drama 10 course. Mr. Dixon sounds like an excellent acting instructor.
- The privilege of an open campus, allowing us to go to places like 7-11 at lunch.
- Joining up with a bunch of kids from other middle schools.
- Playing for the soccer team. They're pretty good and the coaches have led them to success.
- Taking a variety of electives, like drama, computers, cooking, clothing, and musical theatre.

-Another course that sounds worthwhile is Auto Maintenance. This course will definitely assist me with proper car care and important things involved in car ownership.

-I have heard many good things about my future counsellor, Ms. Greer. She sounds really nice.

-Gleneagle's school dances, with the big video screens.

I'm really excited about coming to Gleneagle next year and it sounds like a super positive and inspiring learning environment.

### Leaving is bittersweet

ERIN MYLES  
Edge Columnist

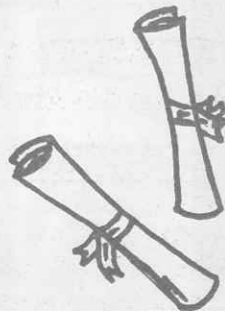
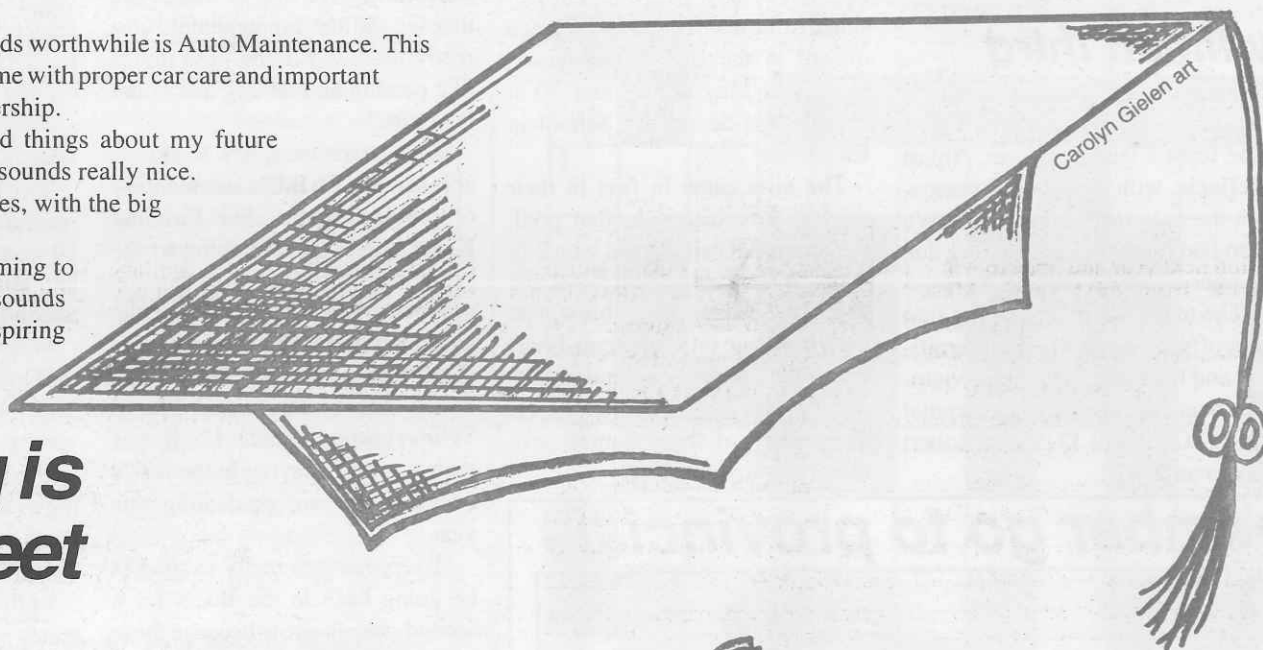
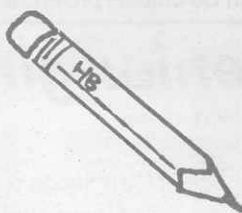
As I walk down the freshly waxed hallways of Gleneagle each morning, one word comes to mind. Nostalgia. After spending three years at the school, there are so many memories that I've accumulated, so many things that have become pleasantly familiar. It's hard to believe that after thirteen years of waiting and working towards graduation, it's finally here.

Each year we go through the same ritual. The last few weeks of cramming before exams and trying to listen to our teachers, all the while staring through classroom windows at the sunny world outside wishing we were at the beach. We clean a year's worth of moldy sandwiches out of our lockers and try to think of something more meaningful than "Have a great summer," to write in someone's yearbook. Even the eventual return to school after a long summer, although we dread the inevitable homework we'll have to face, is somewhat eagerly anticipated as we wait to see the people with whom we lose contact in the summer months. Suddenly, this routine no longer applies.

These last few weeks are perhaps the last time we will see some of the members of our graduating class. It's a strange feeling to look at people's faces and realize that although you've seen them everyday for the past three years, they will no longer be involved in your daily life. The people you sit with in Chemistry class will only be a distant memory, and the friends who hang around your locker merely pictures in your yearbook.

Leaving Gleneagle means many things. It means going on to university, or working full time. It means finding out that there are no boundaries, that you set your own limits, and the potential for life is huge. Unfortunately, it also means leaving the sheltered environment of Gleneagle's halls. You no longer know all the teachers and students or have that sense of community. As much as we look forward to the emancipation of graduation, it's bittersweet.

Gleneagle has been the place where I have learned far more than grammar. I made new friends and discovered my strengths. However, I know it's time to move on. I know I can say without a doubt that when I walk across the stage at commencement I'll feel some sadness. And why not? Highschool has been an important part of my life. Yet, I know that I'll also feel a great sense of accomplishment because I'll have fulfilled my goal. I've made many mistakes, but in my own way I've made a difference. Despite the many trials my years at Gleneagle have presented me with, I've come through it all, and I wouldn't change a thing.



### Test your limits

STEPH LEE  
Guest Columnist  
Scott Creek

I'm looking forward to grade 9 at Gleneagle for many reasons. It will provide me with a chance to test my limits, meet new people, and show I'm responsible.

Gleneagle has a wide variety of courses to take, which gives me the chance to test my limits. Now is the time to find out what I like to do, be it art, music, or helping people. I can discover how I can improve and show off my talents.

The thing I look forward to the most is meeting new people. Everyone knows high school is the main place for social events, like dating, and important issues, such as drugs. I look forward meeting new people in my classes and being a part of Gleneagle.

As grade 9's at Gleneagle, we'll have more freedom of expression. A lot

of people try to be what everyone expects, but why bother when you are free to show who you are? We will be able to go off campus for lunch, proving that we are responsible.

Everyone dreads the homework, the first day, and just school in general, but I feel that high school will provide us with great opportunities and the best memories of our entire lives.

### Look for the big picture

ASHLEY CURRIE  
Guest Columnist, Class of 99

I remember that June day I walked out the front doors of Gleneagle for

the final time with a goofy grin on my face, a stylish cardboard hat on my head, and a rolled up piece of paper in my hand. From there, I stepped into what I thought was mine for the taking - the World! (Which actually exceeded the corner of Glen and Lansdowne, believe it or not!) Everything was perfect, except I had absolutely no idea what I was going to do with the rest of my life.

After six months of working, travelling, and eventually developing a feeling of paralysis and unproductivity, I finally realized I belonged in university. I got over my revulsion for tests and decided to take classes that I enjoy. My experience in the real world led me to where I felt I should be, not to where my teachers, friends or parents thought I should be. My advice: do not force anything that just doesn't seem to fit, even though it could seem a bit scary at first.

I miss the involvement of high school, the feeling that I could evoke change. I miss the friends, all of those people that I took for granted seeing every day and the same ones that I've been planning to have dinner with for seven months now. I miss those few special teachers that made me believe in myself, or made going to class a lot less painful.

I don't miss those monotonous homework assignments that counted for petty 1.56% of my final grade. I don't miss not being given the freedom to take my education into my own hands. I don't miss the fact that gossip, rumours and social stigmas outspread the truth about 89:1. I definitely don't miss the mindless praise for some, and ostracism of others.

Whether high school has been positive or a negative experience for you, never forget it. It's all a part of who you are. Now is your chance to shine in your own way. Look at the person sitting beside you, or the teacher standing at the board and concentrate. Remember that feeling, because you'll never have it again. Once out of high school, the world tends to sneak up on you very quickly.

It's a lot easier now to look back at high school and articulate just exactly what was so great about it and what wasn't. Time is very much like a telescope in that it allows for great clarity at a great distance. Although the world isn't quite mine yet, I'm still working on it!



## Senior girls rugby grab second BC title

LEANNE HARRISON  
staff reporter

The tier one Senior Girls Rugby team won the Provincial playoffs for the second year running on Saturday, May 13. They are now the British Columbian Champions for the second time. Within the six playoff games the girls managed to score 168 points.

"Being a grade nine, getting a lot of experience helps. I have played in two Provincials and I still have three more to look forward to," said **Adrianna Dickson**, grade 9.

They played Carson Graham in their final game.

"This was the most important game," said **Amber Cummings**, grade 11.

The final score was 15-7. They also defeated Shawnigan Lake 37-7 and Merit 22-0, during the six game span.

"We played a good season and we are really happy that we are back to back champions," said Cummings.

"Our team is really growing be-

cause we are doing so well. More and more girls are coming out. It is a game for girls of all shapes and sizes," said **Lauren Gares**, grade 10.

**Alisa Morton**, grade 11, helped the team by scoring two tries. **Kari Hornvedt**, grade 12, was named, to the Commissioner 15. Most Valuable Player of the team, Hornvedt got a 3 point penalty kick and one convert in the final game.

Our tier one team led an undefeated season with a record of 7-0. In league play they out scored the opposition 345-5.

"Next year as the new hooker, I have big shoes to fill. During this past season **Jen Wong** has been my mentor and I am her protege. We are number One! Thanks for coming out," said **Erin Derkatch**, grade 11.

"I am really looking forward to next year not only because I'll be playing more but I have a great example from this years team, to play a higher level of rugby," said **Erin O'Melinn**, grade 11.



Gerard Gielen photo

**The charge of the bulls:** The white shirts of the Talons overwhelm the other team as they charge their way toward becoming provincial champions for the second year running. Gleneagle beat Carson Graham 15-7 to become the British Columbian provincial champions for a consecutive year.

## Senior girls soccer place third in BC's

JULIE WILLIAMSON  
staff reporter

The Senior Girls Soccer team finished their last of five games for the B.C.'s, Tuesday, May 30. This resulted in the team finishing 3rd place overall in the B.C.'s. The games were held May 28, 29 and 30 at Hugh Boyd Secondary School in Richmond.

The girls came in first in their pool of four teams. In that pool, they played Kitsilano and won 2-0, West Vancouver and won 2-0 and tied with Seaquam 0-0. This win let them continue on to the semi-finals where they played Centennial Secondary, then Terry Fox Secondary. The results of these games gave them a bronze standing.

"Because we were at the B.C.'s last year, we went in with confidence and a knowing of the tournament expectations" said coach **Doug Maclean**, "We had to make sure that we did the fundamentals correctly because it's the little things like passing and talking that count the most."

Some team members were unable to make the B.C.'s due to injury or previous plans. For **Patricia Kretz**, grade eleven, going to the provincials this year was a first because last year she was in the the gifted program and missed them due to a class field trip. For **Megan Jones**, **Nicola Kretz** and **Marni Winterbottom**, grade 12, it was their last time playing in the B.C.'s because they are graduating this year.

"Everyone was really excited to be going back to the B.C.'s for a second year in a row because these are the memories they carry with them through the years. They may not remember Biology or English

but they will remember the B.C.'s" said coach **Brian Rothwell**.

According to both Maclean and Rothwell, honorable mention goes out to **Lisa Stoll** who showed strong leadership and skill in getting the team three shut-outs in the opening round to make it to the final four. It also goes out to **Lindsay Groff** who did a wonderful job sweeping.

Two team members also received special awards. **Sarah Miles**, grade 10 won a First Team All Star award and **Hilda Simon**, grade 11 won a Second Team All Star award.

When asked about the overall year the Girls Soccer team had, Maclean said, "We pushed through the adversity throughout the season and in the Fraser Valleys started playing as a team, ultimately peaking in the final game of the season verse Terry Fox".

Both the soccer and the rugby teams would like to thank all the teachers for their continued support about students missing classes or leaving early during the season.

## Roller hockey sports 1-0-1 record

CLINTON TIESSEN  
staff reporter

So far this season, the roller hockey team has played only two games, winning one and tying the other, giving them a 1-0-1 record. Gleneagle beat Terry Fox by a goal in the first game of the season. In the second game of the season, the roller hockey team tied in their game against Port Moody Senior by a score of 22-22.

**Nick Thomas**, grade 11, commented about the team saying, "I had a lot of fun playing Port Moody. It was my first game and I loved playing them. They were good competition, but they are no where near as good as us!"

Besides playing Terry Fox and Port Moody Senior, Gleneagle will also face Riverside and Pinetree in the future. These five teams make up the present roller hockey league.

All games played by the teams are exhibition games and are played for fun. There are no offsides and no faceoffs. Players play two minute shifts with continuous play and twelve players with four on a line.

The games last for about one to one and a half hours. No statistics or standings are kept to remove the competitiveness of it all. Full equipment is required to play. It costs the players a dollar a game to play to cover the cost of the "ice time."

**Steven Black**, grade 11, commented on the roller hockey team saying, "It's really fun to play, even though there is no serious competition. We are just out there to have fun. Most of the guys on the team play afterschool up at Bramblewood also."

**Wayne Reid**, coach and coordinator of the roller hockey team, said, "They are all out there to have fun. The only thing that these guys are out there for is to enjoy the game because there are no prizes involved."

There are about twenty interested players on the team. The majority of the team are male, although a couple females have joined.

**Jesse Faubert**, grade 11, said, "I love to play and playing with the school is just another opportunity for me to get some play time."

## Junior boys rugby finish third

CAROLYN GIELEN  
staff reporter

Junior Boys Rugby ended their season with a 15-0-1 record and a third place standing after their last Fraser Valley game versus Semiahmoo, May 18. With a final score of 10-10, the game resulted in a tie breaker. Semiahmoo won because of the fact that they had scored two tries and Gleneagle had only scored one, with an added convert and penalty kick. "It was

dissappointing to lose out on that tie breaker," said coach **Peter Poka**. The team's leading scorer, **Nolan Veljacic**, with 15 tries this season, got the only try for the team. "We also had three players missing due to injuries," adds Poka.

The team was in first going into playoffs in late April. Their semifinal and final games included victories over Pinetree 61-0, Centennial 43-17, Garibaldi 13-5, and Robert Bateman 29-0.

## Track, field member go to provincials

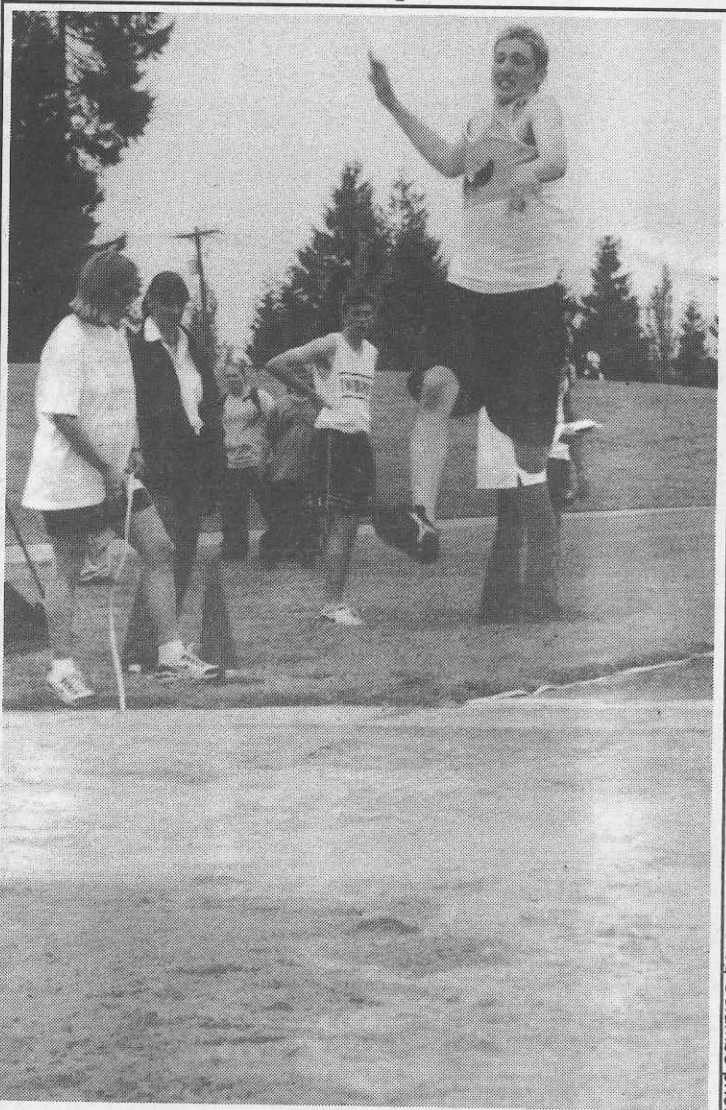
CLINTON TIESSEN  
staff reporter

**Garret Mula**, grade 12, will be heading off to the Provincial Championships in the long jump and the triple jump. The Provincial Championships will be held at Swanguard Stadium on Friday and Saturday. Mula commented on his accomplishments saying, "I think I did pretty good considering there were no practices."

When talking about how Mula did in the Fraser Valleys, team coach, **Greg Columbo**, commented saying, "I know that Garrett can do a whole lot better in the Provincials because he has a lot of potential. The way he performed in the Lower Fraser Valleys was a lot better than his Fraser Valley performance."

The team is composed of about 15 players who have shown up for the mini-meets that have been held locally. All competed in the Districts, with Mula taking home the Senior Boys Aggregate trophy, shared with two other players from different schools.

About five of these players made it to the Lower Frasers, but Mula was the only one to progress in the Fraser Valleys with a second place in the triple jump, and a first place in the long jump. From there Mula took fourth place in long jump, and fifth place in the triple jump.



Greg Columbo photo

**In the air:** Garret Mula, grade 12, leaps through the air on his way to the provincial championships that will be taking place at Swanguard stadium on Friday and Saturday



## T-birds off to International Dragon Boat Festival

MARISA ROSTAMABADI  
staff reporter

The Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival held on June 7 and 18 is the T-Birds' first competition of the year.

The team consists of about 30 students from Gleneagle and Pinetree ranging in grades from 9 to 12.

Mandatory practices at False Creek before the competition allow the team to try out the race course. Regular practices have been preparing the students throughout this year.

Twenty high schools from BC and the US are included in this 1000 metre competition. One of these schools is Centennial Secondary. Centennial's Dragon Boat team has 25 returning members from the previous year, plus three years experience, which is the opposite of Gleneagle's situation: three returning members. Centennial's boat beat the T-Birds' by only seconds.

One of the coaches, Doug Mancell, said, "We're getting



photo Doug Mancell

Lead by Chandikka Thayver, grade 11 and steered by Rebecca Sinclair, grade 10, the team paddles towards the Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival

stronger and better all the time, but Centennial is the strongest team." Pemberton is also a strong team, having Native members who have been paddling since they were young.

In the Vancouver International Dragon Boat Festival, after fun races, the competition is divided into two sections. The top three Dragon Boat teams in the first race will go to the A final.

As a second chance, the top two

boats in a second race will also proceed to the A final. The remaining teams go to the B final.

"We have a chance to get in the top three," Mancell said. He doesn't have many concerns and believes the team consists more of technique than muscle power. All of the rest of the competitions are in the summer. The Lotus Sports Club, where the T-Birds paddle, has members of a junior program. These and other available paddlers

will be used as a team for competitions.

In late June, or early July, there are the Golden Spike Days, and a race in Kelowna. These races will also include any available paddlers.

Marisa Jelineka, grade 11, a member of the T-Birds, said she enjoys being on the team. "I've never been in a Dragon Boat race,"

she said. She explains that Centennial was a good team when they were in practice races.

Bill Alley and his wife Barbara Alley are also coaches for the team. This is Alley's last year at Gleneagle, as he is retiring. He still plans to stay with the team. Mancell hopes this year's members will return for next year.

## sports roundup

### Assembly called a success for Cheer and Dance

AMANDA GIENE  
staff reporter

Kicking the Spirit assembly off on May 17 was the cheer and dance team with their glow-in-the-dark Grey Cup dance routine. The routine, which was supposed to be performed at the Titanic talent show, before it got cancelled, was also performed at Scott Creek, since twelve of the members attend there.

The routine was practiced a last time before the assembly on Monday, May 15 then they worked late that evening on their

glowing costumes.

The try outs in May went "well" according to team coach Pauline Fleming. Twenty five core athletes came out and there will also be more tryouts in September for any interested students.

Also anyone interested in participating in school spirit in ways such as a mascot or to help out with pep rallies is also to see Fleming.

With the need for the team to have more visibility next year, Fleming plans on having the team cheer at games, and have three big 'School Spirit' assemblies and Pep

Rallies for different sports.

The team is also hoping to participate in more competitions next year and place within the top three at each event, along with the hope that Scott Creek Middle will start a team of their own.

Also for next season the team has acquired an \$800 youth grant for a youth coach for the cheer and dance program.

Until then, the team will be participating in a summer camp where they will focus on learning new stuff such as stunts and pyramids.

### Junior Golf team places fourth in Districts

CYNTHIA WILDMAN  
staff reporter

The season for the golf team ended on Monday when they played against Pinetree Secondary School. The score was Gleneagle 325 and Pinetree 320 (Gleneagle lost by 5). The team also had a fun wrap up match on Tuesday, when the team played against each other.

The districts for the junior team were held on May 9. They didn't go as well as Frank Gigliotti,

team coach, would have wanted. "We didn't fair as well as I thought we would," said Gigliotti. The team placed fourth out of seven teams. The team didn't advance to the Western Conference Championships.

According to David Zibrik, grade 10, the team had a good chance to win and move on.

The senior team did not enter into the districts because they did not have enough senior members. According to Gigliotti, the senior team was rebuilding this year. In a couple

of years, Gigliotti believes the senior team will be strong.

The junior team will be good next year, according to Gigliotti. He is going to be the coach for the golf team next year as well. The golf team will start their season once again in March of next year.

Through the golf season, Zibrik has learned to stay patient with what he does and that there is always going to be another chance.

### Mountain bikers end season with high ratings

ALANNA BOYD  
staff reporter

The mountain biking team finished its season recently with great successes.

The team, coached by Mark Liao, was mostly composed of grade 10's and 9's, with a small turnout of seven riders. The team came 3rd overall in the district, with high rankings for each of the riders.

Michelle Anderson, grade 10, was one of two females on the

team, and came out extremely successful, coming in 2nd overall in her age category.

"It was a great race, even though I had mud up to my knees, and I'm happy with how I did," said Anderson.

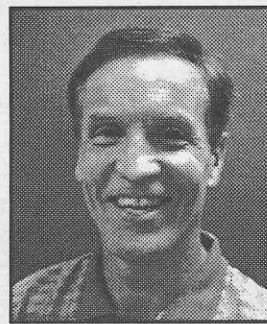
The team began its season on April 6, and went through a series of races, of which including some invitational races. There were also four races in the SPOKE, (Student Pedaling on to a Kreative Education) a mountain biking advocacy group

race series, who has hosted the races for the past while.

Coach Liao is hoping that the Scott Creek riders that are coming here next year will compose a lot of the new team, as the middle school's riders are in abundance, and seem to be doing really well in their races.

"We had a great season despite having such few riders, and a successful team overall. Next year I'm hoping to establish a larger team," said Liao.

## in the spotlight



Ken Lemmon, vice principal, ran his 5th Canadian Altra Championship Sunday, May 7. The Altra was held on Vancouver Island at Elk Lake and Beaver Lake. There are 3 distances: 30 miles, 50 miles, and 60 miles. Lemmon ran the 50 mile race. He has been running in the Altras for seven years now. When he's not at school, he exercises to stay in shape.

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## Tunner, Mula coach grade 6,7 boys basketball camp in gym

JESSICA ROSS  
edge reporter

It is Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, and some teenagers are hanging around the 7-11. Others are taking advantage of cheap movie night.

But, here, in the Gleneagle gym, there is the buzz of basketballs bouncing and boys, in grades six and seven, having a blast.

This is all due to the efforts of Gleneagle's very own, **Dorran Turner**, grade 12, and **Garret Mula**, grade 12, of the senior boys basketball team.

Turner and Mula organised, a basketball camp for grade six and seven, male players, from various local middle schools.

That of which they run and coach themselves.

"Things are going really well," said Mula.

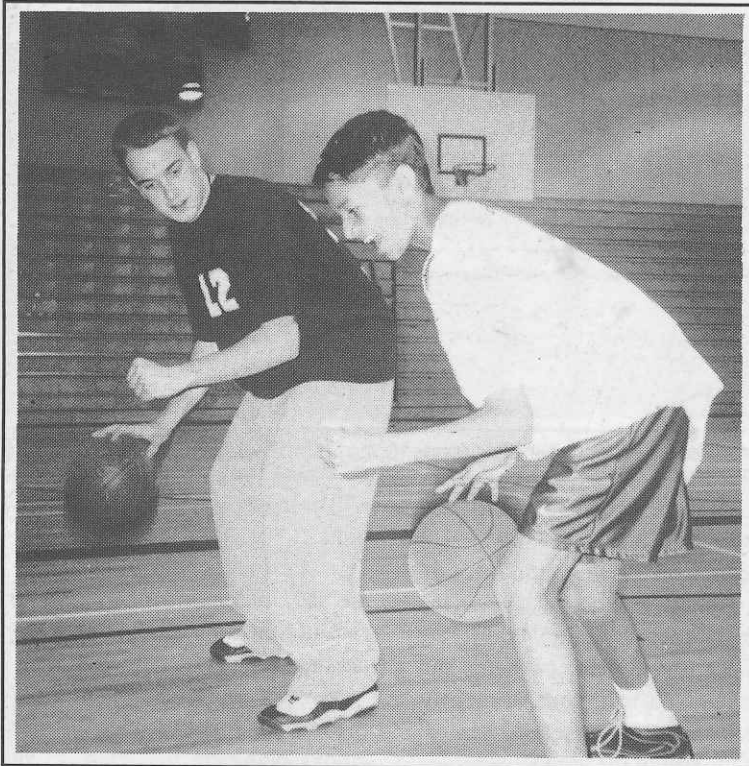
"Coach Turner and Mula are very good at the game, and they get along very well with us kids, while they teach us the basketball skills we want," said **Daniel Prasad**, a grade seven student, from Maple Creek Middle School.

"They (the coaches) have an obvious love for the game," said father **Sean Marshall**.

The Marshall's son, Sean, has had a 'huge improvement' and is now 'twice as good at the game, after attending the camp', say his parents.

The camp runs from April 4 to June 20.

"We started this camp because we wanted away to give back to the basketball program," said Turner.



Jessica Ross, photo

"Keep your knees bent, and stay low" . . . Dorran Turner, grade 12, shows Daniel Prasad, grade 7, how to bounce a ball.

According to Turner the camp fee was fifty dollars, that cover costs and included tickets to a Grizzlies game, along with a reversible basketball jersey.

The first hour of the weekly camp is filled with various skills, drills and games. Followed by the group being divided into four teams, made up by the coaches, and playing games against each other.

In the skills games, there are prizes to be won.

"The prizes are a big hit with the kids," according to Mula.

"I like the prizes," said **Jason Scott**, grade seven, who attends

Scott Creek Middle school.

"I like that we do is fun stuff, so it's not always boring," said **Keith Murphy**, grade seven, also from Scott Creek Middle school.

The coaches are not paid, but Turner says "Watching them playing and improving and all working as a team is good to see."

"They, (Turner and Mula), deserve more respect for what they are doing," said parent **Shelly Marshall**.

There are hopes for a similar camp to be run by Turner and Mula.

According to Turner "There were no problems with the camp, and everything ran smoothly."

## Outdoors club rafts white water, gets ready for Yukon canoeing

IAN CAMERON  
edge reporter

The outdoors club has been experiencing some fast and furious action over the past month. It will continue on this way until the end of July when the Yukon members come back from their trip.

The club recently came back from

a very successful trip to Red Willow Ranch, located in the Central Interior.

Because of such an overwhelming amount of people interested in participating on that specific trip, two separate trips were arranged.

The trip cost three hundred and fifty dollars, which included their

lodging, food and their own horse, all for a five day stay.

**Phil Wright**, trip co-ordinator, described the trip as, "The best trip that he has ever been on, because of the overwhelming cooperation and hard work of the students." "The only downside to the trip was the uncooperative weather," he added.

## Coleman leaves for Burquitlam

JULIE WILLIAMSON  
edge reporter

After being a vice-principal for three years at Gleneagle, **Sharon Coleman** is now changing roles.

Starting this September, in the new school year, Coleman will become principal of Burquitlam Elementary School.

"The decision to leave Gleneagle was very hard to make because I was part of the administrative team that first opened Gleneagle and I'm proud of the kind of school it has shaped into. In my mind, it will always be a highlight of my career," said Coleman.

"I'm very interested in, and looking forward to the challenge of being the principal. It certainly will be a new learning experience for me as well since it's only a kindergarden to grade five school."

Before she took on a vice-principal position at Gleneagle, Coleman was a counsellor at Hastings for three years. She also taught English and Family management at Centennial for three years, along with working one year at Winslow Centre as a curriculum coordinator.

Coleman has noticed many changes in Gleneagle since it opened; "When students first came here, they saw themselves still as Moody or Scott Creek students, so it was really nice to see them change and become Gleneagle students."

Coleman said, "It's also great to see the traditions that are developing at Gleneagle and the pride that students and staff have."

According to Coleman, she will miss Gleneagle but knows it will be a fun and challenging experience at her new school.

Since Coleman is leaving, next September, Gleneagle will be getting a new vice-principal to take her place.

**Christine Lauzon**, who is currently the principal at Kilmer Elementary School will be joining the administrative team here at Gleneagle.

The role of a vice-principal is not new to Lauzon who has already been a vice-principal for three years and a principal for seven years at various schools such as Montgomery Elementary, College Park Elementary, Meadowbrook Elementary and Irvine Elementary.

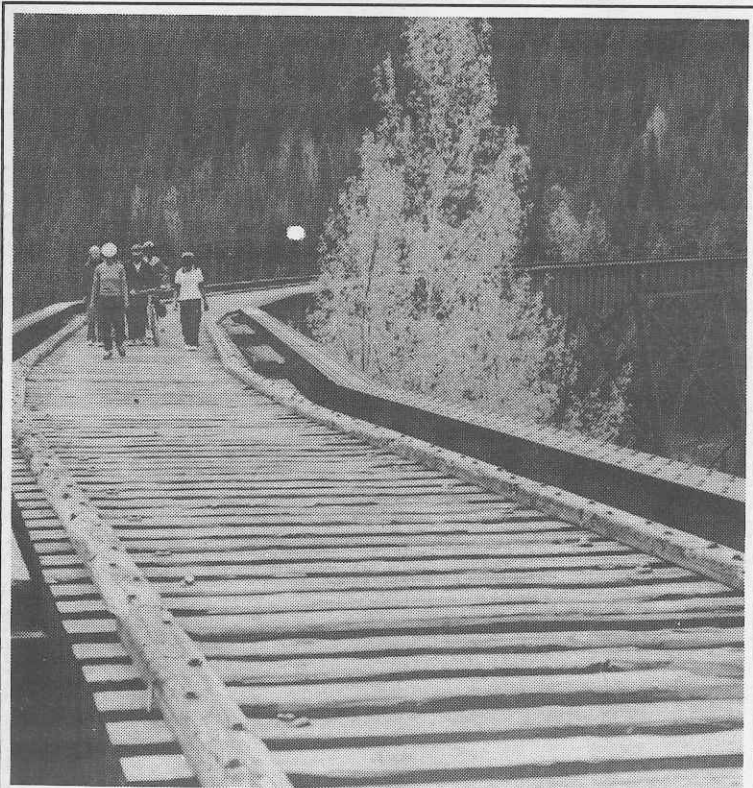
"It's going to be really different because in my usual school of 450, I know everyone by name. I'm going to miss being with the little kids."

She was trained in England and has been a teacher for twenty-nine years, teaching in numerous places such as Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. This will be her first time working at a Secondary school.

"I am very excited to come to Gleneagle. I expect to enjoy meeting all the young adults and working with them," Lauzon said.

In her spare time, Lauzon enjoys a variety of activities, such as riding her Harley Davidson motorcycle and taking her golden retriever for walks.

When asked why she decided to come to Gleneagle, Lauzon said, "It was my choice. I like learning new things and being involved with a secondary school is something I want to learn about and experience."



Diane Sizer photo

**Don't look down:** The Gifted English Science 10 class took their annual five day adventure trip over the Kettle River Valley Railway Line that has been restored for bike trips. This was the first of 18 trestle bridges through the Myra Canyon. This bridge was the only bridge that didn't have a wooden deck allowing the group to bike across.


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