

## Spirit assembly forces teachers to 'Survive'



**Cast your votes:** Mark Prinster and Cindy Quach were forced to survive during the spirit assembly. With nothing to cling to but each other, Prinster went on to win the grand prize of a pizza lunch for his E block class.

## 'The Edge' achieves top journalism award

ALANNA BOYD  
staff reporter

*The Edge* has been noted as one of the top school newspapers in North America, "with quality at the standard of excellence," according to The Quill and Scroll Society.

The paper won the highest award granted by the prestigious writing society, the George H. Gallup Award, for the 1999-2000 school year.

Eight hundred schools each submitted six consecutive papers for the evaluation, which was judged anonymously by members of the society.

Included with the evaluation booklet came comments from the judge: "I liked the Canadian perspective and the school spirit."

The award, named after the creator of the Gallup opinion poll, is given out at the end of each school year. This ranks Gleneagle in the top 4-5% of secondary school newspapers in North America.

"It is so rewarding to see all your hard work pay off and to be acknowledged with such an honour," said last year's co-editor-in-chief, **Jessica Ross**, gr.12. "Sports teams have championship titles and we have the Gallup Award."

The Quill and Scroll Society, run out of Iowa State University, is composed of many members from across Canada

and the United States, including *The Edge's* own advisor, **Paul Odermatt**.

Odermatt co-advised the paper alongside teacher **Lisa Dube**. Odermatt says that he is not surprised the paper achieved award status. "Our paper looks like a professional paper."

**Channdika Thayver**, gr. 12, previous *Edge* reporter, noted that she is proud of the effectiveness of the layout. "It's great, and I am totally honoured by this award."

The evaluation and judging system works much like a report card, with a grading maximum of 1000 points, of which *The Edge* received 935.

There are five categories for which the papers are judged: writing, yada, yada, yada, and yada. Gallup Award-winners must achieve excellence in all five categories.

"I've read other papers from other high schools, and in comparison, *The Edge* is better; I just liked the layout of it more," said **Tara Meikle**, gr. 12.

"With such a small group last year it was incredibly gratifying to see that our work was appreciated at such a high level," said **Sheena Urquhart**, photo editor. "We worked late into the night for some editions, and it's great to know that it was worth the extra time."

**KARLY DOEHRING**  
staff reporter

"Poka, Poka, Poka," was the chant coming from the audience during the first fifteen minutes of the Spirit Assembly Wednesday, September 20.

But according to the Senior Boys Rugby team Poka was "unfairly" voted off his team, Elgaenelg.

The assembly was based on the idea of the program "Survivor." The two teams, Elgaenelg and Snolat, made up of teachers, which were created to compete against each other.

Instead of trying to survive against nature, the teachers were involved in a number of contests to see which team could better survive student life at Gleneagle.

Instead of a million dollars, the winning teacher received a pizza party for their block E class, which supported them during the competition.

**Joy Parks**, gr. 11, said, "I think everyone enjoyed themselves. Overall, it was really fun."

The event was coordinated by **Pauline Fleming**, P.E. teacher.

The first contest was a relay race and was won by the Snolat.

One teacher from each team ran down a simulated, narrow hallway of pylons to a desk, grabbed a lock, and ran back to their team.

The next teacher unlocked the locks, ran back to the desk, locked the locks to backpacks, and ran back to their team.

A video was played in the beginning of the assembly. A group of grade 12's thought the video should have been louder and the picture clearer so they could have enjoyed the overall impact of the video.

Later, there was a chugging match between **Greg Haywood** and **Annemarie Dubois**. They had to chug a blended creation of doughnuts, chips, and coke. Dubois was the victor.

**Mark Prinster's** B block gr.10 social studies class thought there should have been more teachers chugging in this contest. Their opinion of this assembly as compared to last year's was that it was more creative.

Next, songs were played and each team had to name the its title and artist. With music came dancing.

During a mix-up in audio delivery, **Chris Turpin** and **David Foster** began to "grind" and grab each other.

"I thought Mr. Foster was very sexy," said **Steven Black**, gr. 12.

Fleming said "The main thing is school-wide spirit."

"This is a great activity to get a real spirit of community," said Prinster.

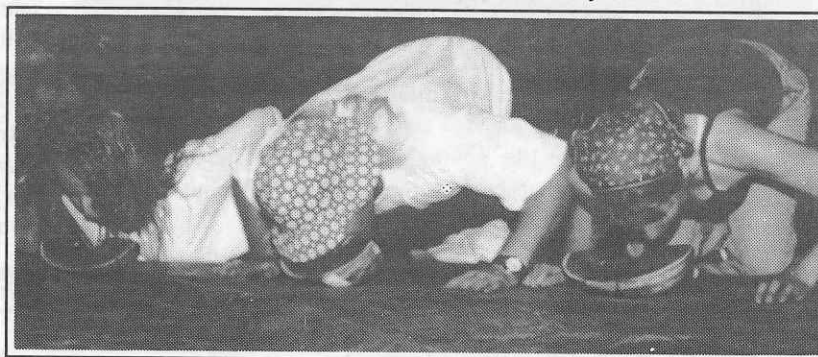
Prinster, Foster, Dubois, and **Diana Moore** participated in a watermelon eating contest.

A large watermelon was quartered and laid a tarp. The contestants had their hands behind their backs and the first person to successfully devour the watermelon, won. Prinster finished off the watermelon in one minute.

At the end, the host, **Dennis Secret**, held his hand over the teachers heads, and the audience cheered.

The teacher with the loudest cheer won the pizza party for their E block class. Prinster and Dubois won.

Fleming would like help from students, with ideas, for another theme because she is planning on holding three more spirit assemblies throughout the school year.



**Dig in:** Annemarie Dubois, David Foster and Diana Moore race to be the first to devour the quarter watermelon, without the use of their hands

## School website's popularity growing rapidly throughout year

**RYAN GORDER & JASON LOZON**  
staff reporters

Since the begining of September Gleneagle's school website has been receiving over 1000 hits per week.

The Parents Advisory Committee was impressed when shown the website on September 26.

The site contains a wide variety of information on subjects such as news, athletics, course outlines, student work, publications, and entertainment features. There are also hints and tips for school work and exams featured on the website.

A virtual tour of Gleneagle can be seen on the website, as well as other movies and music made by students.

Even Talon Talk, featured on the television screens in the classroom, can be viewed online.

**Scott Findley**, computer teacher, over saw most of the re-designing of the website last year, which has proven to be very useful in attracting more users.

According to Findley, the number of hits to the site is impressive for our high school and demonstrates how willing people are to access information online.

**JoAnn LeBlond**, librarian, adds, "I think the website is wonderful. There is a lot of good information for teachers, students and parents. Kudos to Mr. Findley and his group of students."

The site can be accessed at <http://gleneagle.vr9.com>

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## a view from the edge

### Tolerating annoyance will lead to kindness

I'm sorry your fries were too salty. Is that pastry a shade too green? No, you can't borrow that, I've already lost all of my pens and pencils. A strange and demented coming of age ceremony takes place during high school. Something so horrible, so vile, that we are often desensitized to the basic needs of humanity afterward. This evil is inflicted upon teenagers by parents, teachers, peers, and customers - people who complain needlessly over trivial things.

Take, for example, a lady walking into your work, and saying to you (in a cruel and demanding tone), "Excuse me, can I exchange this banana bread from the store across the street?" or how would you deal with: "I can't believe you got my medium triple decaf raspberry extra hot caramel caffe latte all wrong. Are you new or something? I wanted raspberry drizzle and chocolate sprinkles." Or, "No, you can't budge in front of me. I've been waiting in this cafeteria for a whole five minutes."

Suddenly a division is created, co-workers and friends (us) vs. complainers (them). People stop being, "fellow people" and become "sir's", "ma'am's" and "slackers". In middle school, many of us gladly lent out our pencils by the dozens. Those who did so were often shopping for new school supplies by mid-November. Now requests for the occasional pens are met with cool glares, a grudge-filled loan, or just a blunt 'no'. Before too long, passive aggression becomes an art. It's almost fun to go out of your way to give out stale fries, or a cheap unsharpened pencil.

The more we have to deal with people, the less we like them; it's a simple but cruel fact. It's a shame because we have to deal with people for the rest of our lives. If we'd all take the time to see past the fact that everyone acts stupid and mean once in a while, maybe we could get to know people for who they really are.

Don't let yourselves become uncaring, just because some people take advantage of kindness. Remember that most people are actually very decent. Everybody forgets their school supplies at home sometimes.

### Overreacting to internet dangers

I got ICQ yesterday, and yes, I know I'm a geek. I spent 3 full hours talking to new people from Australia and Hong Kong. I learned that when you're in England, you can go to college when you are in High School. But what is the harm in talking to people that you will probably never meet? Broadening your horizon within the global community? I find it fascinating and unbelievably exciting, but my mom seems to think that there couldn't be anything worse.

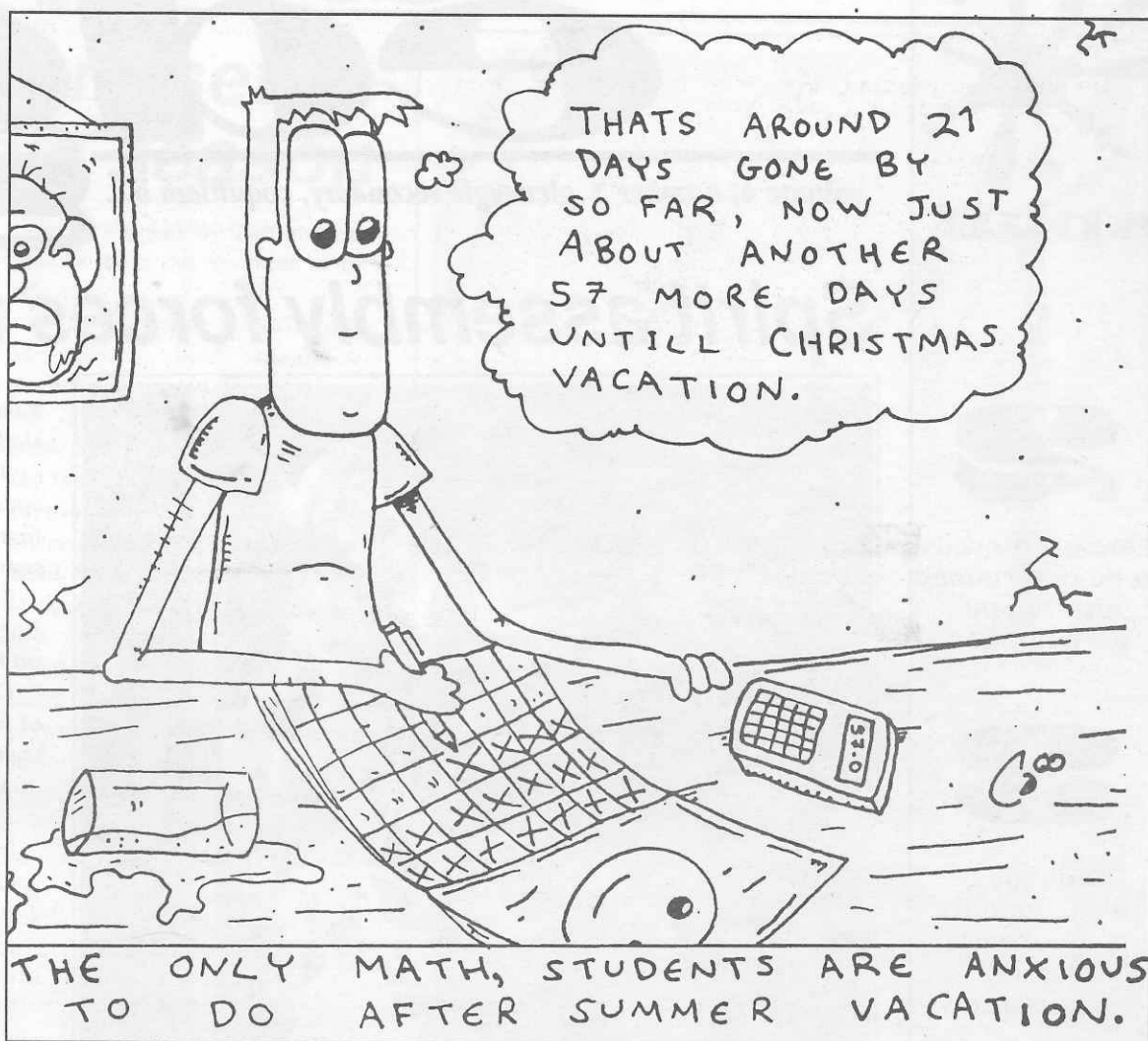


**Amy Brookes,**  
edge columnist

It seems to be only people over 40 who don't understand the joys of global friendships. Does everything have to do with becoming an obsessed internet junky who may some day decide to run off and meet a stranger? Will we all get lost in the vast electronic world?

For some reason I am allowed to drive a car, spend weekends on my own, hold down a job, and go out with friends but I can't sit in my den and talk to a computer screen. It's "completely unacceptable" as my mom says. "Do you know that they could be psychologically challenged and be preying on young women?" Well if they are interesting to talk to what's the problem? It's nice to know that my mom trusts my intellectual abilities to pick out the good from the bad.

ICQ is a passing phase like anything in teenage life, so trust our judgment and understand that we aren't really as naive about the world around us as parents seem to think!



### Fate of tutorials in hands of students

Walking down the hallway at 8:45 on Tuesday morning feels just like the rush at 3:05. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30, a half hour tutorial is provided to give students a chance to study, do homework and get extra help, but some students see it as a chance to sleep in or talk with friends.



**Ryan Gorder,**  
edge columnist

The problems arise not only because of the loud halls, but also in the empty, quiet rooms which are possibly being "abused". Furthermore, students trying to get help, do not have the atmosphere to do so. When asked, most students are in favour of the tutorial period, but do not use it everyday. Although I agree with this point, I do not use tutorials

everyday either. I use them only when I need them and they are very useful.

Although tutorials are enjoyed by most students, the problem is in the hands of the Ministry of Education which requires a certain number of hours for teachers to be teaching and students to be learning.

The tutorial time being provided now is included in these teaching and learning hours. However, unless they are used by the majority of the students, they will be cancelled and the time added onto the regular schedule. Classes would start at 8:30 every morning and no tutorial time would be provided.

A big problem according to some students is the bus/transit schedule. A majority of Gleneagle students arrive by bus, and are here for tutorial time, but may not need to use

them.

It is unfair to force kids to go to a session that they may not need just because they are not rich enough to own a car, or old enough to get their license.

Most students that take the bus do not have any other choice, otherwise they would not be here at that time. No changes can easily take place because there is no alternative. Students that use them once in a while are stuck in the middle; part of the problem sometimes, and using tutorials other days.

Since there is no other choice, students have to come to tutorials on a more regular basis or they will no longer be provided. I think if the school wants a solution they have to consider a few more options; an alternate bus schedule, concrete incentives for tutorial attendance or teachers requiring students who are behind to attend. One thing is clear, the status quo is not working.

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### Eminem brings controversy to world of the music industry

Eminem. One simple word, one simple name, and yet it has sparked non-stop controversy. His lyrics are unethical, immoral, and very vulgar. So why is everyone rushing out to buy his CD?



**Krystina Harvey,**  
guest columnist

Because they like his songs! Why is it that parents can't get that?

Does Eminem promote spousal abuse? Maybe. Does he promote killing sprees, such as the Columbine High School shooting? Maybe.

But more importantly, does he encourage teens to do this unprecedented and immoral behaviour?

No. Do you know why? Because we don't take him seriously. It's just a song! Teens today know where to draw the line. Right?

Right. We all know where to draw the line. Think about it. Have you heard of a serial murderer who killed people because Eminem or a similar band told him to?

No. My point exactly. So why does everyone love Eminem? Why does everyone want to be just like him?

It could be because he pushed it. His lyrics are explicit, off key and just shocking. He goes where other artists won't because they're too afraid to. And on top of that, he just doesn't care what anyone thinks.

Why is it that people can't understand he does it all for shock value? Half the things he says, he doesn't mean. In one of his songs he specifies "Half the things I say/ I say to make you mad"



## Orientation receives several reactions

PETER TONG  
staff reporter

With a new year comes a new class of grade nines and another orientation intended as a "transitional activity from middle school to high school," according to **Ken Lemmen**, vice-principal.

Lemmen, planner of this year's orientation, said, "Some of the goals of the orientation are for the students to know other students outside of a classroom setting and to give them a chance to connect with the teachers through fun activities. It helps to build pride in our school and a feeling of belonging."

The event was held over two days instead of three, as a revision on last year's orientation. There was also a new element -- academic guest speaker **Chris Johnson**.

Student response was varied this

year. **Chatbet Hintary**, gr. 9, said "Johnson was actually pretty funny."

However, **Janet Liew**, gr. 9 said, "It was a lot of playing around. It would have been better if we had [the orientation] earlier."

The students were involved in canoeing and dragon-boating between Burrard Marine Park and Belcarra Park, as well as school based games.

**John Jacob**, gr.9 said "We just hung out with our friends. It made us feel like babies. The other activities were not as exciting as canoeing."

Jacob also thought that the orientation was not held early enough, noting that most of the clubs discussed had already begun meeting.

**Queanie Tsang**, gr. 9, wanted the organisers to let the students "choose our own groups."

## Actors prepare for Metfest

NADA HUSSAIN  
staff reporter

Gearing up for Metfest, the annual secondary school drama festival, drama and acting students have begun practising various plays for performances in the near future.

Gr. 11 acting students are working on two new plays: *Purgatory* and *6:15 on the 104*.

According to **Nicole Roberge**, drama teacher, *Purgatory* is a dark workshop play that is expected to be performed in school two weeks before it is taken to Metfest.

Directed by **Robbie Taylor**, gr. 12, *6:15 on the 104* will be performed on November 16 and 17 in the theatre. Taylor is hoping that the play will also make it to Metfest and believes it has a good chance.

**Emily St. John**, gr. 11, the main character in *6:15*, said, "This play has a lot of potential. I look forward to it being a lot of fun with a great cast."

The gr. 9's are working on a scripted physical comedy called *Cinderella Wore Combat Boots*, which will be performed in class only for other classes within the school.

The musical theatre class, including Roberge and music director **Brent Hughes**, attended the musical *Beauty and the Beast*, at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver on Sept. 22.

**Chelsey Levy**, gr.12 said, "I enjoyed going to the play in a group. The play was entertaining and the sets were beautiful." The class is working towards a musical performance to be shown later in the year.



**Rolling on the river:** This year's trip to the Yukon proved adventurous. Members of the outdoor club can be seen braving the rapids

## Outdoors club set for rafting trip

MATTHEW SMALLEY  
staff reporter

Preparations for Outdoors Club trips are underway. The next trip will be to Long Beach for three days near the end of October.

Activities will include canoeing, windsurfing and watching gray whales.

"You can almost pat [the whales], said **Jackie Collins**, one of the trips organisers.

There will also be a trip to the northern B.C. during spring break.

Last year the outdoor club surfed on Long Beach, went for a week of

horseback riding in BC's interior and spent three weeks in the Yukon as a final trip for the year.

"We spent eight days river rafting (in the Yukon), fishing and of course all the other regular tourist stuff," said **Phil Wright**, one of the club's sponsors.

"Everyone who went fishing caught a fish," said Wright.

"They made me a birthday cake on this trip" said **Skylar Broughton**, gr. 11.

Anyone interested in future trips can see Wright or Collins for details.



**Group bonding:** Ashley Moore, Megan Dyck and Stephanie Faoro, gr. 9, commune with group members during an activity titled "Living on the Edge Trivia Hunt" in the gym during the orientation September 27.

## New Council plans lollipops, UNICEF boxes

ASHLEY MIKULIK  
staff reporter

Changes have come to Gleneagle's Student Council in the forms of new goals, new leadership, new members, and a new room.

The new Student Council headquarters is room 214, where meetings and various group activities are held and planned.

Student council meetings are run directly by students who are, "organised and taking initiative," according to **Janet Kidd**, gr.12

The students also receive the help and advice of four teacher advisors and one vice-principal. These advisors are: **Pauline Fleming**, **Karen Klein**, **Kathy McAllister**, **Brian Leonard**, and **Dennis Secret**.

Fleming, a P.E. teacher and liason for the student council, is "trying to reduce the isolation associated with

Student Council. One of the ways to achieve this is to have a larger number of teachers involved with the council and have students know that their input via the "Wuz Up" box in the library is read and considered when planning activities for the school.

Students can also approach any of the advisors with suggestions and feedback so council has another avenue for reaching as much as the student body as possible."

Fleming will also be there to sign documents, and to be a teacher contact for student council.

Dances, Lollipop Fridays, the 30-Hour Famine, and the holiday food hamper drive, are all organised and run by Student Council.

**Colin Miller**, gr. 11, says that a short video promoting Lollipop Friday's will soon be on the TVs.

For Halloween, **Sharon Aharon**, gr. 12, is looking at having UNICEF boxes in classes and with Student Council members at all times.

After Halloween, the council is looking to do something for Remembrance Day.

A major goal for Student Council is commitment.

"You have to do work to get rewards," Fleming said. "Without people doing the work they've committed to, we would never have events like dances, talent shows, and the 30 Hour Famine."

Klein, teacher advisor, feels that Student Council "empowers students" by allowing them to put their ideas into action.

"There is something in Student Council for everyone whether you are artistic or you just enjoy being a part of a team," said Klein.

## Musicians plan North American tour, CD release

SHEENA URQUHART  
staff reporter

With a CD in production and plans for a tour underway, the music department is already busy rehearsing and planning.

The department is looking into several affordable destinations within Canada and the United States, says **Brent Hughes**, music director. Hughes and fellow music director **Evan Bueckert** held a meeting for parents on September 18 to discuss destinations, costs and fundraising.

The trip will be for music students of all grades. Music students are already selling Entertainment books for \$46, and will also soon be selling chocolates.

Further methods of fundraising may include a multi-family garage sale and a car-wash, according to Hughes.

"I love selling chocolates," said **Hillary Grant**, gr.11. "I always end up selling half of the chocolates to my family and to myself."

"I am really looking forward to the tour, regardless of the destination," said **Adam Turpin**, gr. 12

music student.

The CD, which was recorded last June, includes two tracks from each of the department groups: the treble and mixed-voice jazz choirs, the grade 9/10, grade 11, and grade 12 jazz bands, the concert choir, and the senior and junior concert bands. Hughes expects final production to be finished soon and that the CD will be available for purchase by the middle of this month.

**Olive Adriansen**, grade 10 jazz band member, said, "I hope to playing in the hallway this year. The energy and enthusiasm from the student body was great," referring to last year's unadvertised concerts held in the foyer during the former nutrition breaks.

Hughes said, "We're trying to find a way to pull off some (hallway) performances. They were really popular last year."

Hughes also commented that this year's groups will most likely be the best groups the school will ever have.

The year's first formal concert for all groups will take place November 1 in the theatre. Tickets will be available at the door by donation.

## In the Spotlight



**Laura Avram**, gr. 10, represented Canada at the 19th Annual Open Sea-Side Tournament in Sea-Side, Oregon, U.S.A. in August. After winning the B.C. beach volleyball provincial championship with a partner from Burnaby Central, the two were chosen to play for Team B.C. in the North American Open Championship. They then went on to place fourth in the under-18 women's beach volleyball tournament.



## Sr. girls Volleyball team set to reach new heights this season

SERGE LAVAGGI  
staff reporter

Members of the Sr. Girls Volleyball team are set to "kick some butt," according to **Laura Avram**, gr. 10. The girls began their quest for a higher result over last year's finish of twelfth in the province. In an interview with the youngest player on the team, **Erin Wiskar**, gr. 9, says, "I was excited about the team's intensity and the team's quest for success."

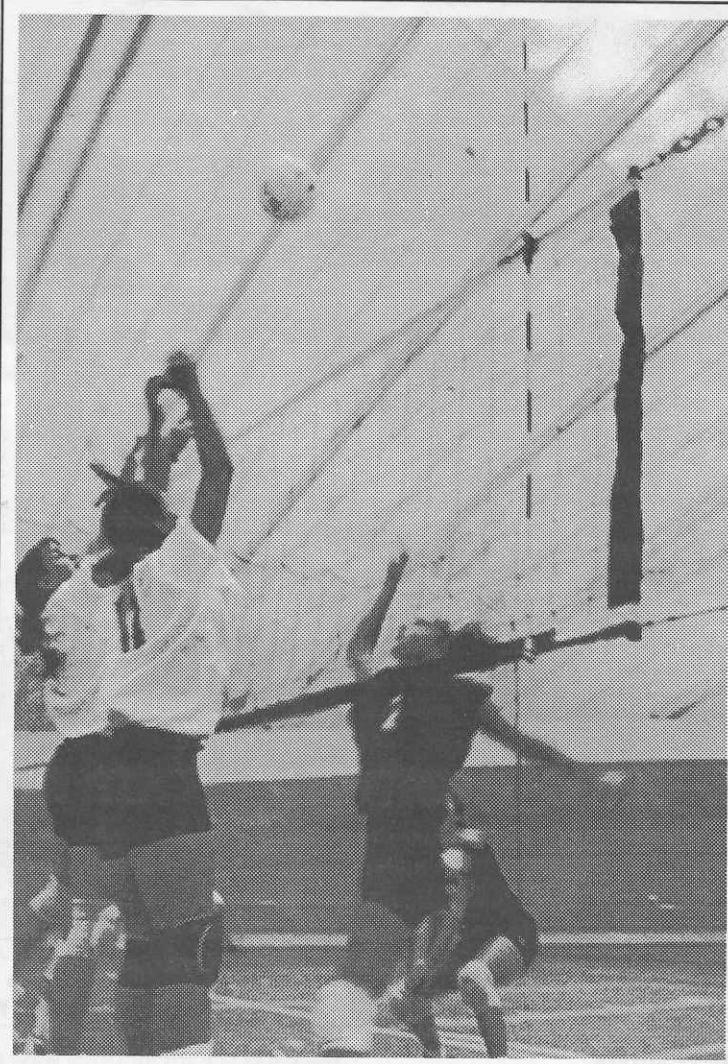
The girls have started the season in winning form. At a tournament in Nanaimo on Sept. 22-23, the girls placed third out of thirty teams

from around B.C. In the tournament last week, held at Pinetree Secondary, the girls again came third out of thirty teams, losing in the semi-finals to Highroad Academy.

"This season is set to be one of many great games and one major tour happening over the spring break," commented **Brittany Richardson**, gr. 11. The team will be competing on the island of Hawaii. Avram, Richardson, and Wiskar are very excited about the upcoming tour, and what they can accomplish in this season. The team's captain, **Ashli Crestejo**, gr. 12, commented that expecta-

tions for the team are high, and they plan to make the top three in the province.

One major improvement from the last season is simply attitude, according to Crestejo. The team is set on "doing their best, trying their hardest, and most importantly, having fun." These philosophies have been implemented by the fourth year Gleneagle volleyball coach, **Wayne Reid**. Many of the girls have played competitive volleyball since a young age. Crestejo concluded saying, "With all this experience on the team, and an anxious coach, the players can't wait to see what this season will bring."



Serge Lavaggi Photo

In the air for a spike: **Laura Avram**, gr. 10 brings the hammer down to help the team finish third overall in the Coquitlam championship

## Jr. Girls hope for continued success

MICHELLE SWEENEY  
staff reporter

Last year the Jr. Girls Field Hockey team won the Fraser Valley Championships, setting a precedent. Since last year, some players have gained experience by attending a field hockey summer camp in August. **Jaclyn Clark**, **Lauren Soo Chan**, **Stevi Schnoor**, **Samantha Gidora**, and **Emily Fenton**, gr. 10 players, attended the 2000 B.C. Summer Games. Their team didn't place very high, but Gidora adds, "It was a fun experience." **Brittney Litz**, gr. 10, said, "This year will be really big for us because we have to come back and defend our

title as last year's Fraser Valley Champions." The team's coach, **Brian Lewis**, thinks they'll be able to do just as well this year as last, and maybe even better. When asked about her team's strengths, **Yancy Ramos**, gr. 9, says that they just seem to know where their fellow teammates are during a game, without having to speak to each other. She says that this skill helps a lot when competing against other schools.

The team is looking forward to their upcoming tournament in Penticton on Oct. 13, but aren't quite as confident about winning. As Gidora points out, "The players on the Penticton teams have been

playing since they were really young, but most of our team only began playing in Middle School." Fenton speaks for her team when she says, "All we really want to do in Penticton is have fun and show off our skills." As for the Golden Owl Tournament, that the team attended in Kelowna, on the weekend of September 21, the team was very successful, winning all of their games. The tournament consisted of eighteen of the top teams in the province, and our team didn't let the opposition score once. The Talon's top scorers during the tournament were Schnoor, the team's captain, with thirteen points and Gidora with eight points.

## Training key to cross country success

EMILY ST. JOHN  
staff reporter

Cross Country season has started off very well, with many team members placing exceptionally well in the first two meets according to gr. 11 student, **Shahdin Farsai**.

Coach **Mark Tustin** goes on to say "This year I'd like the kids to do really well at the Coquitlam Championships and I'd like to see the Sr. teams qualify for the Fraser Valley's and to move on to the B.C. championships." The season is under way but there is still room for people to join the team, especially gr. 9 boys and girls.

Team members competed at Como Lake, Sept. 20 and Mundy Park, Sept. 27.

The runners have been training since the beginning of the season. "Tustin's been working us pretty hard this year, but it's just for the benefit of the team. We will be better and faster," said **George Vellenoweth**, gr. 11.

At their first meet, Farsai, came in 4th and 6th in her grade. "It seems like as the season progresses, more people are joining Cross Country from all different schools. The competition level seems to be increasing."

"I like running but I have to learn

how to pace myself so that I have some energy left at the end," said **Tara Meikle**, gr. 12, who came in 1st place in the first meet and 3rd in the second meet.

In the second meet, other standings were **Brian Welsh**, gr. 10, who achieved 1st, **Patrick Lowe**, gr. 10, achieved 2nd, **Patricia Kretz**, gr. 12, came in 2nd, **Mike Sinclair**, gr. 9, placed 3rd, and **Shannon Rodgers**, gr. 10, placed 3rd as well. In both meets, **Leanne Carey**, placed 2nd and 1st for gr. 11 girls, and **Gaston Teta**, gr. 12, came in with two 2nd place finishes for the gr. 12 boys.

The next meet is Wed., Oct 11, at

## Sr. Boys Volleyball goal to be top four in Fraser Valleys

JEN GERSON  
staff reporter

For the last two years the senior boys' volleyball team has placed in the top four in the Fraser Valley's and in the top eight in Provincials. The team's goal is looking forward to being in the top four for the Fraser Valley's again.

Getting into the provincials this year would be quite an accomplishment, according to coach **Sanjeev Sidhu**, because "Coquitlam is a tough district to get out of."

**Mike Anderson**, gr. 11 states, "I think that we're going to do well this year." **Jon Wiskar**, gr. 12, agrees that strong defense will lead the team to success. Although many players this year are from the junior team, the coach feels that "there is a good mix of both veterans and talent...with three returning starters."

Wiskar states that their 3-1 win

over Riverside on Sept. 19 was "Intense. Everyone was really pumped up, there was also a lot of trash talking." The team attended their first tournament in White Rock on Sept. 22, where they placed third of 32 teams.

According to Wiskar, "We did well at the tournament even though we were missing a middle. We only lost to one team, the best in the province."

In a recent 3-1 win against Centennial, the team won despite playing poorly, according to Wiskar. The team defeated Pinetree 3-0 on Sept. 29.

According to Sidhu "There are good leaders on the team, and this year will be really fun."

## Big turn out for Jr. Girls Volleyball

CARLEY TOMPKINS  
staff reporter

An number of players came out to vie for a position on the Junior Girls Volleyball team. Fifty girls bumped, set, and spiked in the hopes of gaining a spot on the squad, but unfortunately many players had to be cut.

According to coach **Pauline Fleming**, last year's team was strong, but practices will ensure success this year. **Chelsea Woodward**, gr. 10, said, "I think with some practice we will improve our skills and do well."

The team began regular season play last week with a win against Pinetree and a tenth place finish at the B.C. Volleyball Association Tournament.



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Fancy stick-handling: **Erin O'Melinn**, gr. 12, attempts to dodge an Archbishop Carney defender in the senior team's season opener, as **Leanne Harrison** (right) and **Stephanie Gabriel** (left) gr. 12s, look on.

## New team seeking next victory

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Winning the first game 2-0 against Archbishop Carney is the "best start" the mostly inexperienced Sr. Girls Field Hockey team could have asked for, according to **Annie Tran**, gr. 11. The girls, some of whom are beginning their first season, have finished their tryouts. From this experience we are hoping to learn and achieve more in field hockey," said **Melissa Serraglio**, gr. 11. "The team's goals this year are to win Districts, then go on to the Fraser Valley Championships," says **Stephanie Gabriel**, gr. 12. She adds that, "It's more important that we have fun playing."

The team has gained new players and a new coach, **David Bargiacchi**, an experienced field hockey player and a parent volunteer. Captain **Shannon Lowe**, gr. 12, has looked forward to seeing how he coaches and his outlook on the game. "We welcome him with open arms." When asked what Bargiacchi thought he could bring to this new team he said, "I hope that I can bring sportsmanship, enjoyment and team spirit to make the game more enjoyable."

Although their last games against Riverside and Port Moody were losses, **Leanne Harrison**, gr. 12, says, "the team really needs to work together. We have gained a lot of new players this year, and I hope we continue to play as well as we have." The girls defeated Pinetree 1-0 with a penalty shot on goal by Lowe on their last away game on Sept. 28.