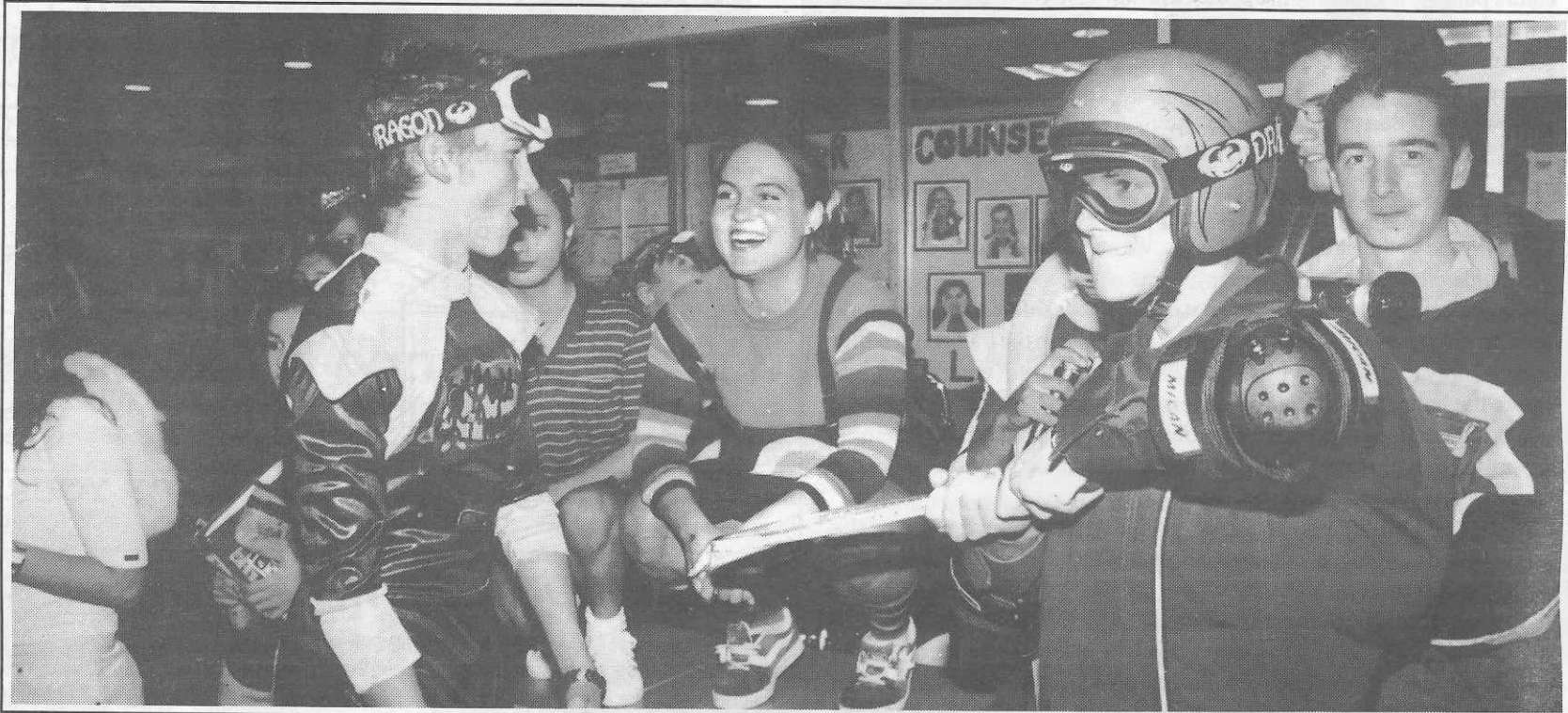




## Ghouls take over school for the day



**I can see a rainbow too:** Rainbow Brite, otherwise known as **Erin O'Melinn** (center), gr.12, who won the Cutest Costume Award, sits and chats among **Mike Durrant** (left), **Steve Duke**, (front right), and **Kris English**, gr.12s. The Costume Contest was one of three events held in the front foyer on Tuesday to celebrate Hallowe'en. Other events included Jello Bobbing, and Piniata Hitting.

For more Halloween photos see page 5

**JESSICA WAKELING**  
staff reporter

School spirit was clearly demonstrated through the display of Halloween costumes and games played throughout the day. There were witches, warlocks, martians, Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy alongside devils, french maids, fairies, damsels in distress, and vampires who paraded around the school.

**Jackie Milloy**, gr. 9 said, "I think it's great that so many kids got involved. It shows that we have good school spirit."

**Renee Poirier**, gr. 9 said, "I was surprised that the school would go through so much effort to make the holiday so much fun."

Although many students laughed at the thought of going out to trick or treat, students such as, **Ola Malec** gr. 10 said, "I don't care how old I am, I still look forward to this holiday." Students also admitted they enjoyed their bags of chocolate bars and candy.

When the students arrived in the morning they saw police tape around 4 Harley Davidson motorcycles, lent to us courtesy of *Caribou Motorcycles Ltd.* in Port Moody.

Shortly after, the administration team, consisting of **Gary Conley**, **Christine Lauzon**, **Dennis Secret**

and **Ken Lemmon** sauntered out, dressed in full biker wear, to take their rightful spots on the bikes.

The band then set up and played adding to the festive atmosphere with a variety of musical pieces.

At the same time, **Joanna Horvath**, **Debbie Bouska** and **Cindy Quach**, Humanities teachers, dressed in their 'Cirque de Soleil' outfits and performed various acrobatic tricks for the growing number of students who gathered to enjoy the beginning of the day.

"I think everyone should take part in the activities," said **Paul Connolly**, gr. 11. **Roman Lisagor**, gr. 12 agrees, "I enjoyed the school spirit and colorful costumes."

Social Studies department members, **Peter Poka**, **Phil Wright** and **Chris Turpin** also drew attention with their costumes that were to represent the English department.

All of the events were planned and organized by student council, starting off with an optional competition between classes to raise money for Unicef. They also held the annual door decorating contest where each Block A class had a chance to decorated their door in order to win a Hallowe'en treat.

Then, between blocks A and B, students gathered in the main foyer to watch the piniata activity. All

students in costume were eligible to participate. These students were then blindfolded, spun around and handed a stick. They were given three chances to swing at the piniata in hopes to spill candy for the student body to enjoy.

During blocks B and C was the costume contest. Costumed students stood up on a table and the student body was asked to applaud and cheer for the costumes they felt were best. This was the criteria for choosing the winners.

Lastly, during blocks C and D there was the Jello bobbing contest. Apples had their cores cut out and were stuffed with 25 dollar gift certificates, then placed in a garbage pail filled with jello.

The atmosphere of the day had not waned as many costumed students volunteered to come forward for a chance to win. **Ryan Inze**, gr. 11 was the winner after bobbing for the apple with the lucky gift certificate inside.

"The day was a lot of fun. I think it was the best Halloween in a long time," said **Leah Starceovich**, gr. 12.

"I thought that it was great that the administration got so involved in the day and were so accepting of the idea to shorten blocks and allow students the time to enjoy all the activities," said **Jonathan Choi**, gr. 12.

## Students peek at 'school' after Gleneagle

**ASHLEY MIKULIK & NADA HUSSAIN**  
staff reporters

This morning students will have the chance to visit with representatives from several post secondary institutions from around Canada.

Representatives will be coming from such institutions as BCIT, Canadian Forces Military College, and UBC, plus eight others.

Many topics will be covered at these sessions, such as admission requirements, programs offered, scholarships, financial aid, and other areas of interest that arise with the issue of post-secondary education.

With presentations, students will also be receiving a mini-calendar, which will contain application forms, prerequisites, full time program information, tuition fees and a brochure that covers general information from each institution.

It is recommended that gr. 11's attend these sessions, but attending is mandatory for gr. 12's.

To **Emi Kozikowska**, gr. 12, the information sessions are helpful because "it might help me choose the right university or college for my-

self."

**Cherise Degear**, gr. 12, says, "It is a good opportunity to look at the different colleges and universities to help decide which one is best for ourselves."

Students can take this opportunity to save themselves some work from having to visit the schools themselves, according to **Mike Imperial**, gr. 12.

The purpose of the day is to try to better inform students of their options after leaving secondary school.

**Kozikowska** feels that these goals will be met with the presentations, "Post Secondary Day is a really good idea. Right now I'm really confused, I don't even really know what's out there."

**Tyler Har** says, "It will give you a good taste of what universities and colleges are offering academically and sports wise."

The leadership class will be helping with the set up and smooth running of the three sessions throughout the morning under the direction of teacher, **Greg Haywood**.

## upcoming events

**Today, November 2**

•Post Secondary Day

**Tuesday, November 7**

•PAC Meeting- Library

**Friday, November 10**

•Remembrance Day Assembly

**Monday, November 13**

•Remembrance Day Holiday

**Monday, November 20**

•Grad Photos Begin

**Wednesday, November 22**

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**Thursday, November 30**

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## a view from the edge Eight months left to prove we're ready for the 'big world'

To a foreign observer, the metamorphosis of a person from child to adult could easily be seen in a few simple stages, represented by our schooling system. The first, preschool: the infant develops speech and motor skills, completely dependent on his parents. The next, elementary school: the child gains some independence while learning grammar and reading skills, but still clings to his parents. Middle school: the child enters puberty and begins the rituals of courtship, focusing attention on a treacherous social world away from his parents. And finally, high school: at it's end, the child, after four years of hard work, is thrown into the "real world" as an adult.

However, if this process is to be completed at the end of the four year stage, we feel great concern. Many of those around us have much work to do.

Instead of seeing respectful and intelligent young people on their way to adulthood in the halls and in classes, we are disappointed to discover the maldevelopment of so many.

Some "young women", wear what could be considered as inappropriate and provocative clothes, skip class to chatter in the bathroom while they reapply their already freakishly thick make-up. "Young men" strut down the halls, brag about their latest "conquests" and how they have not completed their homework from the previous night. To them, it seems acceptable to refuse to participate in class activities, even in the classes they chose to be a part of.

Some even find it amusing to play obnoxious practical jokes on the entire school, as if it placed them on some pedestal of greatness, as if this were grounds for admiration.

We see shallow, immature children.

Now, we find that because of the actions of several students, all school dances have been cancelled for the year. And, further, an officer from the Coquitlam RCMP roams our halls to watch over us. By the time students are fourteen we would have thought that they wouldn't need babysitters, apparently this isn't the case.

We have eight months of classes remaining in which to prove we are capable of independence.



### Letters to the editor

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

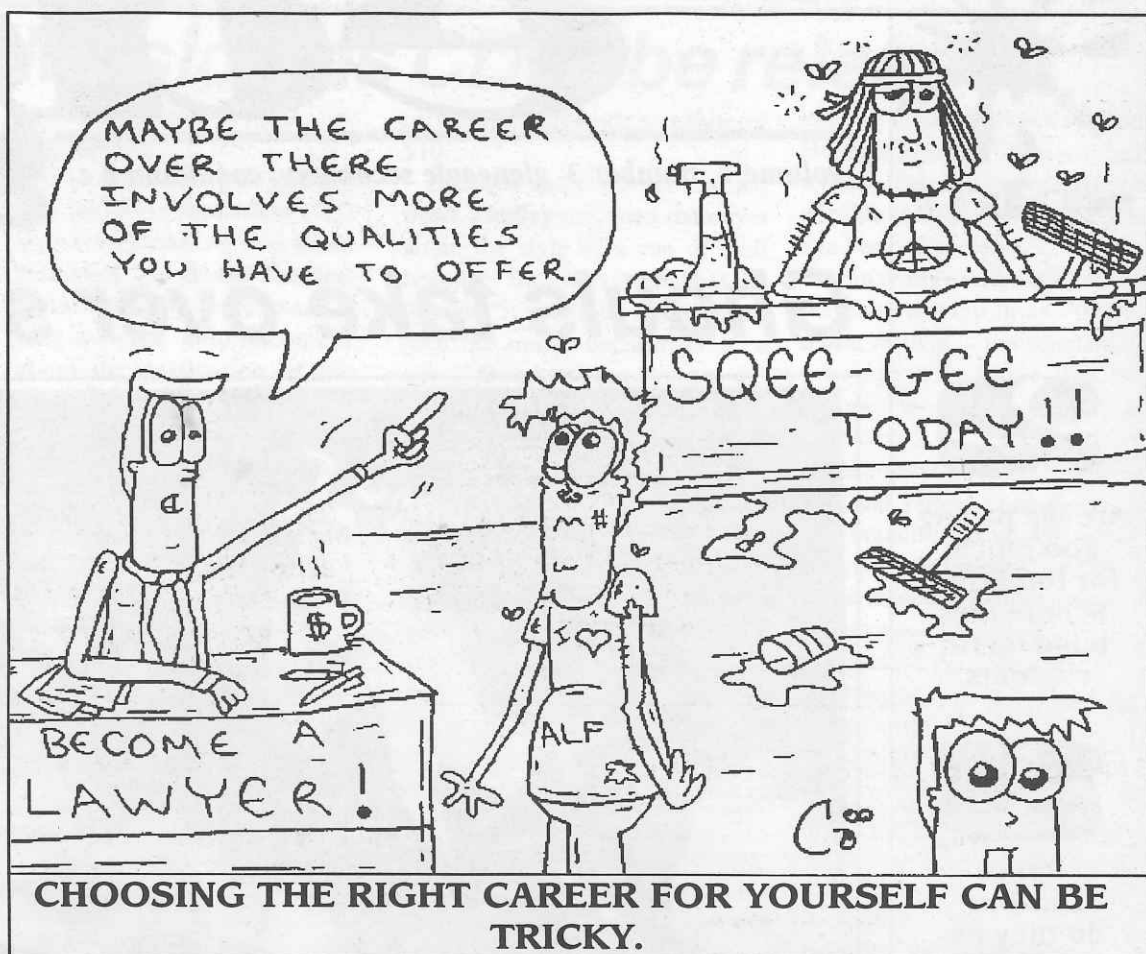
The following letter was written in response to a column in the October 5 edition - eds.

## Eminem talented, but offensive

Personally, I am not an Eminem fan, and I don't particularly like his ideas, but I do believe he has pushed the limits and is popular for shock value. I respect his confidence to say and stand behind the things he does. I understand why people like him, but it is illogical to justify his promotion of violent ideas with the explanation that he is not encouraging it. By promoting it, he is encouraging it and I strongly disagree that teens today know where to draw the line. Teens today are just like every other generation: some

are strong minded and others are not. I would also like to add that I have heard of a serial killer who murdered because a band told him to: Charles Manson believed the Beatles told him to kill in their song *Helter Skelter*. Whether or not that was the intention of the song (which in the Beatles case it definitely wasn't) it still encouraged somebody to commit those acts. So, as much respect as I have for Eminem's confidence, I cannot condone his ideas.

Chelsey Levy,  
gr. 12



## A time for learning, not for spending

Too much money! At the beginning of the school year along with our schedules, we get our activity fees. Do we really know what "activities" our parents are paying for that cost so much money?

Combination locks cost about three dollars at a store but we have to rent them for five for the year. Let us calculate: four years in secondary school at five dollars a year, equals twenty dollars to the school for a three dollar lock?

What about the noon hour supervisors? The majority of the students in the school do not need babysitters. We understand that they may be needed for those who instigate problems, but those people won't listen to or respect them anyways. Our parents' tax money is paying for something that most of us don't need.

Not only are we paying the taxes

and activity fees, we also pay sports fees. Some sports that we play at school cost as much as sports we play out of school. It has always been our understanding that this shouldn't be the case. School sports are supposed to be as valuable, but subsidised because they are part of public education. Nonetheless, we pay the fee, which includes the equipment and the team sweater and sweat pants. We can understand the cash for the extras, like the sweats and the trips, but we haven't mentioned an additional \$60, called a playing fee. What exactly is this for? Some of the players are paying just to sit on the bench. There is also the opportunity to play in another country or province or city... this is the best part, so we pay for that too. In the end the sum is three or four digits long.



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In the August newsletter, the students taking Math 11 and 12 learned that a graphing calculator was mandatory. These cost an average of \$120.00.

The average cost for other course fees is \$20. It costs \$35 for students to take P.E. 11/12. In gr. 9/10 we did not pay to attend P.E classes. In gr. 11 and 12, why are we paying \$35?

There is also a \$45 fee that is paid no matter what courses you are taking. That pays for the school bus, clubs, awards and student handbooks. Many students do not use all of these things. If we have to pay, we should only pay for those services we are using.

Ever since we can remember, it's been drilled in our heads not to waste because our parents pay for our valuable school materials with taxes. Of course we understand that the government and schools don't have allot of money, but we are a public school. We should not be made to pay for things that in a public school, should be free.

## Teens need more places that they can call their own

When someone sees a group of teenagers standing on a corner, they automatically think we're making a drug deal, or planning to rob a store, while we could be talking about politics for all they know. But the reason



Ryan Gorder  
edge columnist

why we have to hang out on street corners, at malls, or outside of convenience stores is because there aren't any other places to go. Teenagers are forced to the streets and this is where problems start.

Many adults don't understand that we have nothing to do. They tell us to get a job or to join a local sports team. You could join a soccer, hockey, baseball, basketball or

volleyball team, but what if you don't like major sports such as these? And as for getting a job, it's easier said than done.

Two brothers who remember what it was like in their teens, with the stereotypical image of teens skulking around with nowhere to go, decided to do something.

The brothers opened a local pool hall so teens have a place to go to before and after school. They realized how hard it is for teens to get jobs and the fact that not all of us want to make a commitment to a team or club.

When people think of pool halls, they think of drugs, alcohol, fights, and gambling. This is only another stereotype. When we are given a place to go and hang out, I believe a lot of problems in the neighborhood could disappear. It's up to us to prove this is only a stereotype.

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## "How do you feel about the new police liaison at the school?"

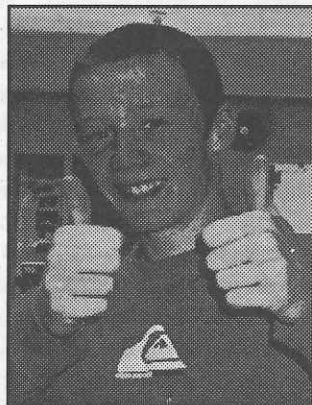
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## Safety and children a concern with common Halloween pastime

The burning wick sparkles with light as the little boy holds what will soon be a massive fireball.

Sweat trickles down his forehead, he starts to feel scared. His first impulse is to close his hand over the seemingly small and insignificant firecracker, it is anything but.

There is a small explosion, his arm goes numb, his friends scream, and he looks where his hand should be. All that is left are the charred remains of what once was his little hand.

Every Halloween and New

Year's, life changing accidents like these occur. The only question I have is why?



Serge Lavaggi,  
edge columnist

I know the thrill of watching things explode right in front of your face might be quite exciting, but is it really worth it when the results can be so horrifically life-changing?

Firecrackers may not affect you, but they could definitely affect someone you know.

Yet we still continue to test our fates after repeated reports of terrible accidents, which could easily

result in serious injury or even death.

In the presence of little children, teens around North America are playing with the same ingredients which could make a small bomb! The gun powder used to make the firecrackers explode is also used to make a bullet fire.

With these factors involved, why don't authorities take a stronger stand against firecrackers and fireworks? It takes no effort to obtain firecrackers: and this is where we need to see change.

Do we not see the significance of our actions? If we are going to play, the smartest thing we can do is go to an open field, with some body of

water nearby, where the chances of hurting someone other than ourselves is reduced.

I am not condoning a ban on the use of firecrackers, but I know that there are better ways of handling yourself around them.

When we light the wick of a fire-

cracker, or fireworks, we are instantly endangering ourselves and others around us. The least we can do is stop endangering other innocent people.

qelf If we do our part, we can make the use of firecrackers safer than it has been in the past.

## Struggling with responsibilities also a part of the 'real world'

So now I'm in grade 12. I'm at the top of the food chain as some would say. And honestly, I always thought that I'd be mature.

I thought that by the time I was "a big kid," I'd be sure of everything I was and that I would know what I wanted to be and where I wanted to go. And here I am, nearly an adult, and I'm clueless.

Part of the reason might be that I'm petrified of entering this thing that all those condescending adults call the "real world."

What on earth is that anyway? Is it a world of working to earn money in order to pay for that new car to drive to work each day?

Is it a world where you hate your job, but work just to "enjoy life", when the only free time you have is two or three weeks vacation a year?

Is it scheduling time in between all your "commitments" just to see your close friends and family or your spouse? In a way, I wish I was three years old again. I had no responsibilities, and I really don't want any now.

I do want the freedom of living alone, but I'd have to pay rent, hydro and phone bills. And someday, I'd love to have kids, but I know that they would be screwed up, and that it would be all my fault.. People would shame me and say horrible

things if my kid decided to be something like a mortician. They'd label me as morbid. I don't want that responsibility. I also

want a meaningful job that I can be passionate about. I don't want it to parallel the movie *Office Space* where my days are spent in an off-white cubicle staring at a computer screen while pretending to do my work.. I want something to be excited about.

I want to accomplish something, which of course takes effort and struggle, but I don't want it to be a constant source of stress; I want a life outside of work.

The other day, I had the option to write an essay about the day I realised that I was an adult.

It started to scare me because I realized that I do have responsibilities; I have three different groups in the school that I'm committed to outside of my regular course load.. I have to schedule just to be with my closest friends. My time is stretched.

Suddenly, I saw myself becoming the things I despise. It's hard not to become that person who lives in the pages of their agenda book.

I know that one day I'll have kids, and I'll have to pay bills, and that I won't have the time that I want, but I suppose becoming an adult is accepting these things as part of life, even when you don't want them.



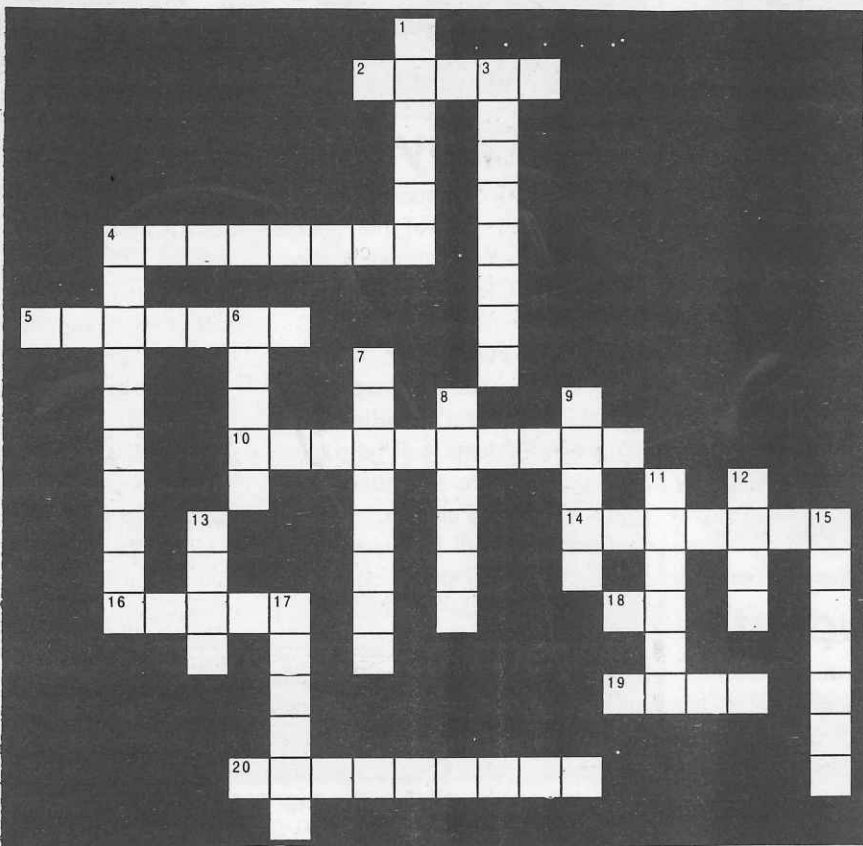
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edge columnist

## solve the crossword and win

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

Name:

Grade:



### Across

2. To work dough into a smooth putty-like mass by pressing and folding using the heels of your hands
4. Small, red stoned-fruits
5. To decorate food with an edible condiment such as parsley sprigs, or fruit slices
10. Meant to stimulate not satisfy the appetite
14. Is the body builder and body maintainer
16. Marinara
18. "Gotta be \_\_\_\_"
19. To heat a solid food, such as butter, margarine, cheese or chocolate until it turns into a liquid
20. Spaghetti and \_\_\_\_

### Down

1. Escargot in English means
3. Only one meal to be chosen on a menu
4. "Kelloggs \_\_\_\_"
6. Cinnamon and
7. "The one and only \_\_\_\_"
8. Flambe: to drench with \_\_\_\_ and ignite
9. A light, thin pancake
11. Cubes of meat or seafood cooked in hot oil then dipped in any various sauces
12. The edible seed of various leguminous plants
13. How many cups of milk should a teenager drink in one day?
15. Fettucini means \_\_\_\_ in English
17. The main dish of a meal

## Buy a yearbook

Cherish memories of 2000-2001.

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## School dances cancelled for remainder of the year

JEN GERSON & JESSICA WAKELING  
staff reporter

Drugs, violence, alcohol, and unauthorised guests were issues which have led to consequences. Problems with last month's dance, the *Fall Fever*, has forced future dances to be cancelled with the exception of the Grad Dinner Dance and possibly, the Last Luau.

While many staff feel a school dance is a positive experience for most students, a percentage of the staff members are unsure whether or not to continue supporting such events.

According to **Dennis Secret**, vice

principal, there are several main issues which have led to this decision. Some who came from other schools, did so without permission. How these students got into the school is still being investigated.

One group of people showed up without a Gleneagle 'host' student. While waiting, their behaviour was "surly, confrontational and rude," according to Secret. They were told that if their host didn't show up by 7:30, they would be asked to leave. When that time passed, their behaviour "got even worse" and the police were called.

Threats toward staff and other

students happened, violent behaviour among at least one of the guests was witnessed and dealt with by administration. Verbal harassments, the toppling of a table, and the punching of a vending machine contributed to what some students called "an unsafe environment."

"I got hit in the foot with a Bacardi bottle... it's their choice to get drunk as long as they don't bother me," said **Jenny Derksen**, gr 10. "I was disappointed by it," said **Brian Widman**, gr 10, "I've noticed that sort of thing at every dance," said **Marika Huzar**, gr 11.

"It's not fair to punish everybody

just because of a few people," said **Ryan Bifolchi**, gr. 11.

Some students have other solutions for the dance dilemma. "Teachers need to check people when they go into the gym, they should have stopped it in the beginning," says **Jaclyn Clarke**, gr 10. "Some people want officers at the door," says **Sheena Vincent**, gr. 12.

**Gary Conley**, principal, said putting teachers in charge of security is not an option. "The students have a responsibility to make sure good things happen... the majority (those who don't do drugs and alco-

hol) are responsible for the behaviours of the misbehaved minority... students have to tell other students to smarten up." Conley wants students to "take back your school and acknowledge that a school dance is not an appropriate place to be using drugs and alcohol."

He also asks students, "Why should we (the staff) have to search students? We're expecting students to honour the school. Over all, Gleneagle students are well behaved, this dance was bizarre, it was disappointing." Five students were suspended as a result of inappropriate behaviour.

### Principal leaves to become Assistant Superintendent

SARAH CLARKE  
staff reporter

**Gary Conley**, principal of Gleneagle will be leaving to fill the position of Assistant Superintendent for Coquitlam's School Board. Conley started here in February 2000 and is leaving in the middle of this November.

"In that short time Mr. Conley has done a lot of things for our school, and made us feel more like a community," says **Sarah Pidhirniak**, gr. 11.

"The thing that I will miss most about Gleneagle is not having daily contact with the students and teachers," Conley said, "and I will miss the people that I have gotten to know."

"Mr. Conley is an exceptional principal. He is very much in control of all aspects of the students needs. The language department will miss him very much," says **Jane Price**, Languages department head.

When asking Conley about why he has chosen to leave, he says that he believes being assistant superintendent will be a great experience and a huge change from the high schools he has been at.

"Conley is a cool guy. It's too bad he has to leave so soon," said **Melissa Clifford**, gr. 11.

**Dennis Secret**, vice principal, will be filling the position of principal until a replacement arrives for the new semester in 2001. "The school board doesn't know who will be filling the position of the new principal yet," Secret said.

Conley is also one of the coaches for the swim team. He stated that he has enjoyed "being part of one of the finest school programs that we have at Gleneagle."

"Conley is a man who shows stability and has a vision for what a secondary school should look like," says **Brian Unger**, social studies department head.

"Conley has a policy that he always has his door open, and he doesn't beat around the bush, he will be missed by everyone," says **Pauline Flemming**, P.E. teacher.

## Police liaison officer takes up office in school

KARLY DOERING  
staff reporter

**Stephanie Ashton** an RCMP liaison officer has been assigned to work at Gleneagle Secondary. According to Ashton, she is not here to enforce rules or the law, she is just here to assist the counsellors and students who are having problems.

The RCMP and the school administration also want to improve the relationship between the police and the students. "Improving the relationship won't work, I guarantee it," says **Kristin Crestejo**, gr. 10.

Ashton may speak at school assemblies about issues that affect students if the talks are needed. She is willing to also do lectures in classes if she is needed.

Opinions differ on her presence in the school. **Saundra Bahrini**, gr. 10 says that she feels violated because, "People who can be trusted aren't trusted and that isn't right. People that aren't criminals are being treated like they are. It may be done indirectly, but with the officer being here everyone is being



Out and around: Talking to students Michelle Richards, gr. 12 and Robin Hunt gr. 10 is part of Constable Stephanie Ashton's new role of Liaison Officer at Gleneagle. Ashton is in the school Thursdays.

checked out, not just the criminals." **Wylen Wong**, gr. 10, says, "It's good because if anything happens, a cop will be around. No harm is done, she's here for our safety."

Gleneagle is one of the last schools in the lower mainland to have a police officer. In response to

this **Wayne Reid**, counsellor, says, "Don't look back, look ahead. There are a few kids that need to be pointed in the right direction. We are now closer to helping them."

**Cindy Quach**, English teacher, says, "Her being here could be positive but has to be handled very care-

fully. She needs to be a part of the school because it would be beneficial for students to know RCMP officers don't always have an antagonistic role." Ashton hopes soon students will see past her uniform and look at her as another human being in the school.

## Gleneagle's budding chefs: on their way to learning, serving

LEANNA SPILCHEN & ALANNA BOYD  
staff reporters

The new cook training program in the cafeteria's purpose is, "to give you a more realistic experience in dining," says **Bert Gibson**, culinary arts instructor. "With real waiters and cutlery it's easier to create a restaurant environment."

This program, entitled "Learning and Serving," is a new approach to give students the experience they need in the food industry. Students,

teachers, and parents are welcome to come in throughout block C, and half of block D to enjoy any served meal on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

The menu features a special, "A La Carte," that includes one trip to the salad bar, coffee or tea, dessert and the your choice of the "A La Carte" entree of the day, all for \$5.25. Menus change from day to day and are collaborated by Gibson and the students, planning out what

they think their customers will enjoy.

This is all part of the course expectations. You can view them daily on the Gleneagle web site and Talon Talk.

Another purpose for this program is to provide work experience at a higher level for the culinary arts students. Students will be rotated through the jobs of waiters, food preparations and cashier.

Customers will be seated at tables, with real dishes, real cutlery and plate service all set up in a special section of the cafeteria.

Gibson created this program, using the guidelines of Tourism and Management Courses after having created the same program for the Senior Secondary Apprentice Stu-

dents program at the Richmond School District and witnessing its success. This program, according to Gibson, could potentially be a part of work experience in the future, if all goes well.

**Lindsay Clifford**, gr. 12, who is currently involved in this program says "I think that it will really help to give the students the experience of the work place."

**Colin Burslem**, gr. 11, said, "I think that it is great, it gives you lots of experience working with different foods, and teaches you the basics of the food industry. There is a lot of hands on experience."

"I think it will improve the thoughts on cafeteria food," says **Heather Persoon**, gr. 11.

## Peer counsellors help students

PETER TONG  
staff reporter

Peer counsellors are students who are available in the counselling area to listen to your woes, or just to talk. The peer counselling program has been established because "it has been proven when students have concerns, they more often than not go and talk to their peers first," says **Brian Rothwell**, counsellor. "As a result we feel it is important that students are trained to listen to this concern."

Peer counsellors are involved in a program that teaches listening, mediation, conflict resolution, and anger management skills as well as strategies on being effective, car-

ing, good citizens of our school.

"Being a peer counsellor has many responsibilities," **Karen Stewart**, gr. 10, says. "We need to keep the trust and keep the information confidential."

When asked whether it was useful to have peer counsellors, **Meghan Davies**, gr. 11, said, "In a sense it is, but how many kids actually use them?" **Remy Kloepfer**, gr. 11 said, "Yes, it helps students to relieve pressure, stress and other problems." Kloepfer says, "The peer counsellors are your age and they can understand you better than older counsellors." Even if only a few people use them it's worth it, says Davies.

## In the Spotlight



**Marie-Claire Gabrielle** and **Daryl Lee** both won first place in the first annual Scary Story writing contest, sponsored by the Coquitlam Public Library and the Tri-Cities News. Gabrielle, who placed in the age 12-14 category, and Lee who placed in the 15-18 category, entered under the direction of their English teacher **Diane Silzer**. Each student won \$75.



## Exchange student experiences Canada with new found friend



Forever friends: Karly Doebling, gr. 10 and exchange student, Ina Schmitt, gr. 11 bond in her temporary Canadian environment.

EMILY ST. JOHN  
staff reporter

Ina Schmitt arrived at the Vancouver airport from a town outside of Frankfurt, Germany on Aug 20, 2000. She was matched up with Karly Doebling, a gr. 10 student from our school by filling out an application of her interests and the reasons she felt she would benefit from such an experience.

She decided to come here because of her love for travelling and the incredible experience she knew she would have. "We e-mailed each other before she came and started to get to know each other but I was afraid that she would be really shy when she arrived. I thought it would be hard to get her involved and to make her feel at home. She's become comfortable fast though and it's been really great!" Doebling explained.

Before coming here she had travelled to many places. Since she's been here, she has gone to Vancouver Island, the P.N.E, Robson street, and Gastown. "I really like the difference between where I live in Germany and here. I live in a much smaller town. Before I came here I had never seen the tall buildings and I'd never had so many opportunities to do so many different and new things. It is extremely impressive!"

According to Schmitt, our school compared to her school in Germany is very different. She was not able to choose any of her subjects until her grade eleven year.

In Germany you have to take Biology, Chemistry, Physics, German, English, French or Greek, P.E, History, Geography, Music, Art, Math and a religion, Catholic, Protestant or Ethics, in your gr. 10 year. The German school system puts academics first.

She noticed that there is a lot more opportunity to choose your own career path and there are many courses to help you explore it here. There are no classes like ceramics, photography and mechanics in Germany. She was amazed by the variety of different sports and clubs that you can be part of at Gleneagle.

She also finds the students in Gleneagle different. "They are much more friendly here. People just come up to you and introduce themselves. It's really nice! I've met a lot of new people because of it."

There are a lot of similarities however, between teenagers in Germany and Canada, Schmitt stated. "We go to the malls, see many movies at the cinema and spend time with our friends. Their interests and hobbies are very similar to the ones that the teens have here."

Schmitt explained that she is glad

to have been able to see all the wonderful things here and she is thankful that she has had the chance to be here.

Doebling will go to Germany between March and June this year. "I went to Germany in the summer of gr. 8 and it was awesome. I'm really looking forward to experiencing their culture."

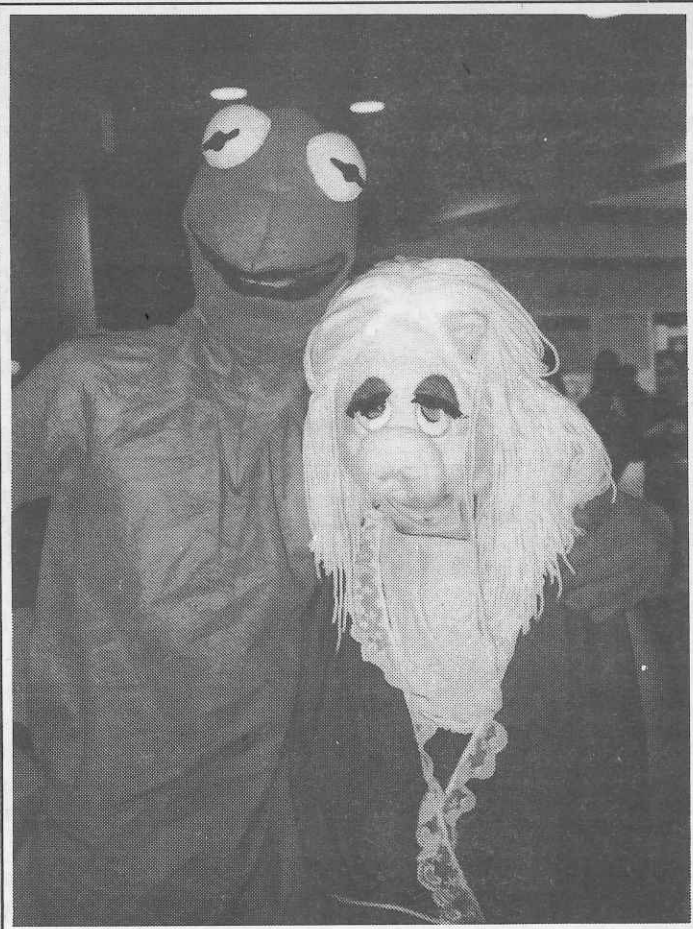
"Karly and her family are treating me like I am just one of their daughters. It's been really nice. I'm very happy about the exchange arrangement. It's nice that I get to spend time here, then go home and catch up, then get a visit from my friend!"

Schmitt returns to Germany on the 16 of Nov. She is looking forward to reuniting with her family and visiting her friends and learning about what has changed since she has been gone. But she is not homesick, "There are too many things to discover and see. There is no time for me to get homesick."

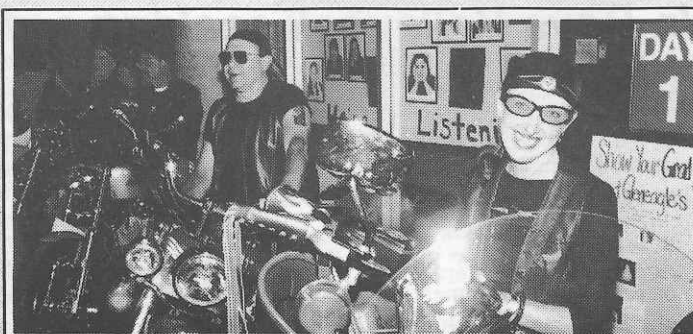
Schmitt is sure she will return to Vancouver, "My home stay family has said that we will keep in contact. We will see each other in a few years in the summer holidays."

"I will definitely come back to Vancouver. I want to show my parents where I lived, where I went, what I did and maybe they can even meet some of my new friends."

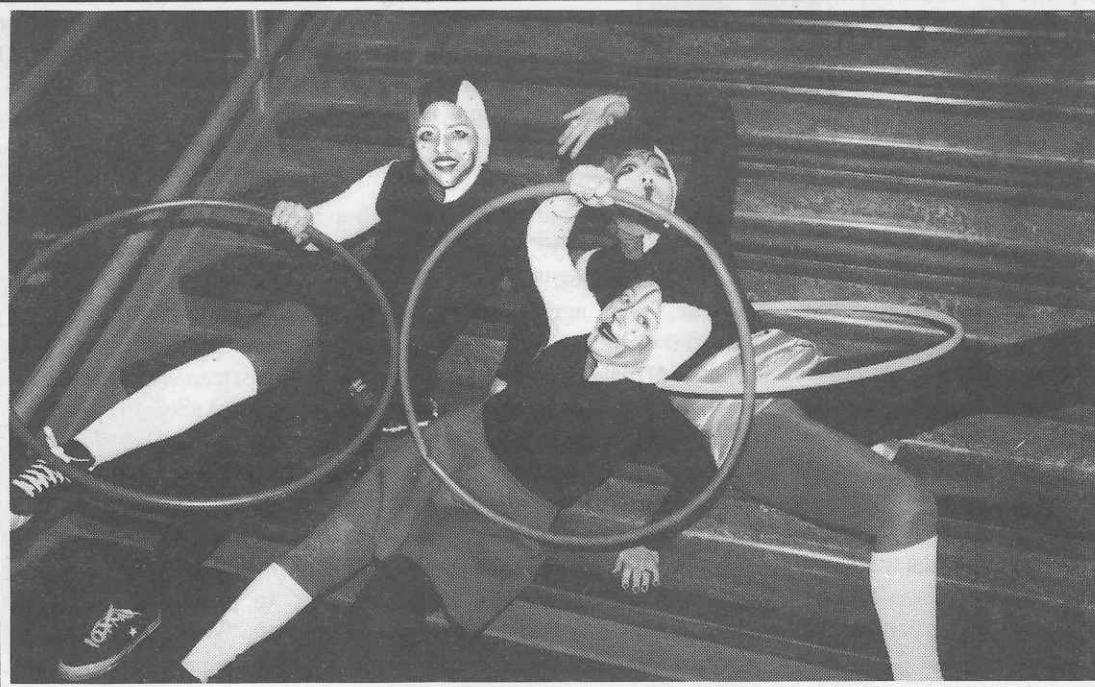
## Hallowe'en spirits in each and every one of us



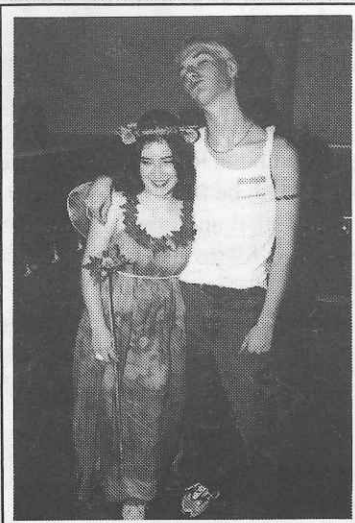
Kermitt the Frog and Ms. Piggy pose with their usual confidence



Gleneagle's administration prepare for the open road



The three colourful acrobatic members of the famous "Cirque de Soleil" pose after their performance



Eminem chillin' out with Autumn



Gorgeous teachers of Gleneagle striking a pose with Andy Worhol

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Enjoying the ocean: Geoff Stevens and Robbie Taylor, gr. 12's kayak off Long Beach with the Outdoor Club

## Community involvement, pollution awareness picked as club goals

JASON LOZON  
staff reporter

"To get students involved and for students to get hands on activity" is the philosophy of **Quirien Mulder ten Kate**, sponsor of our school's Environmental club.

Our school's environmental club has strong goals, such as getting involved in our community and raising awareness about pollution and how it affects the environment. "I am concerned with the local environment, due to the students in the area and how they treat the land," says **Nick Fulton**, gr. 10.

"There are 4 to 5 students involved in our environmental club, and the grades range from gr. 9 to

gr. 12," says Mulder ten Kate. She also says that the students should be able to choose what they want to do to fulfil the club's goals. They decided to test local creeks and rivers for water quality. "We decided to test Scott Creek because Pinetree Secondary is already testing Hoy Creek."

The club was started in February of last year, and since then they have attended the Environmental Fair, Colony Farm, Pitch in Week, and they have cleaned up garbage in Terry Fox Creek. The group also canoed alongside "Fin Donnelly" on the Fraser River in Sept.

In the past, the club has received a \$200 grant from Northwest Aquatic Marine Educators, a \$1300

grant from the Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation, and they have received \$800 as a result of savings by reducing consumption of natural gas and water from a program called Destination Conservation.

They plan to go on a grey whale watching trip in Uclelet, and a sea lion watching trip in Stevenston. All club members joined for various reasons. **Melissa Young** adds, "I joined because I thought it would be fun, because we get to learn about the natural habitat of animals."

If you are interested in joining, the environmental club meets every Wednesday after school from 3:20 to 5:00 in room 204.

## Undefeated V-ball boys aim to spike at B.C's

JENNIFER GERSON  
staff reporter

Sr. Boys Volleyball team remains undefeated in league play. "The team is really coming together, we're doing quite well, I'm very happy," states **Sanjeev Sidhu**, coach. "We really work well together as a team and everybody gets along, it helps," said **Mark Fullbrandt**, gr. 11.

"We had trouble when we played against Vancouver Islands Timberline, they hit the ball well and we can beat them but we didn't play as well as we could have," says Sidhu. We kill ourselves by not

playing as a team, but we can pretty much beat anybody," states **Mike Anderson**, player, gr. 11. **Jon Wiskar**, gr. 12, agrees, "We're the best, and we're going to win."

"A lot of players are really bringing their game up. For example, Anderson is the most improved, but it's hard to judge the others because some players don't play continuously," said Sidhu.

In the recent Douglas college tournament, the team won 14 games and 7 matches, losing none. Their wins include matches against Centennial which they won 3-1, Charles Best 3-1 and St. Patricks, which is a

top 5 AA team, was beaten 2-0.

In the coming weeks, the team is playing Centennial, Riverside, and competing in the Coquitlam Classic. "Centennial and Riverside are the strongest teams, they'll be tough to beat" says Anderson.

According to Sidhu "We're probably the third best team, but there are four other teams all vying for that fourth place spot in the Fraser Valley, it will be tough but we're hoping to place top ten in the provincials. "We have a really good chance for the provincials because we have good talent, potential and athleticism," said Anderson.

## Girls V-ball, soccer to play Hawaiian tourney

JESSICA WAKELING, MATTHEW SMALLEY  
staff reporters

Gleneagle girls soccer and volleyball teams are off for ten days to Hawaii this spring break to compete in the Canada/Hawaii challenge.

They leave on March 14, 2001. The girls will play three soccer games, including a local Hawaiian team. Although there are no requirements to enter, "they liked the fact that we can send teams from Canada that are highly ranked," says **Brian Rothwell**, trip sponsor.

Gleneagle's soccer team placed third in the province last year and are expected to be in the top three this year according to Rothwell.

"There are a lot of strong seniors on the team this year," says **Kirsten York**, gr. 11 "this year will definitely be the best for us."

The girls Volleyball team placed 4th in the Fraser Valleys last year and so far this year have had five wins and 1 loss.

As well as playing in the tournament the girls will also have time to explore Hawaii. The team will be visiting sites such as Pearl Harbour, the Polynesian Cultural Centre along with a scenic hike up Diamond Head in the east end of Kapiolani Park.

"I'm looking forward to working on my tan" said **Jane Mancell**, gr. 10. The teams will be in Hawaii for about ten days with the Volleyball

team coming back on March 23 with the Soccer team coming back on the March 24.

The girls will stay at The Outrigger West hotel in Waikiki, the cost per girl will be \$1350, this includes airfare, hotel and taxes along with the \$100 fee to enter the tournament.

In preparation for the trip the team is doing various fundraisers including shake the can, pub night and bowling night.

"I've got a job and I am putting away half of my pay checks," says York. I've already gone fund raising and every one's parents are getting involved by participating in the various fund raisers.

## Long Beach withstands Gleneagle camping trip

MATTHEW SMALLEY  
staff reporter

The outdoor club spent the last long weekend of the year, surfing and kayaking on Long Beach, Vancouver Island. "We arrived at 11 p.m. on Thursday night in the pouring rain. Setting up the tents was difficult," says **Lindsay Clifford**, gr. 12.

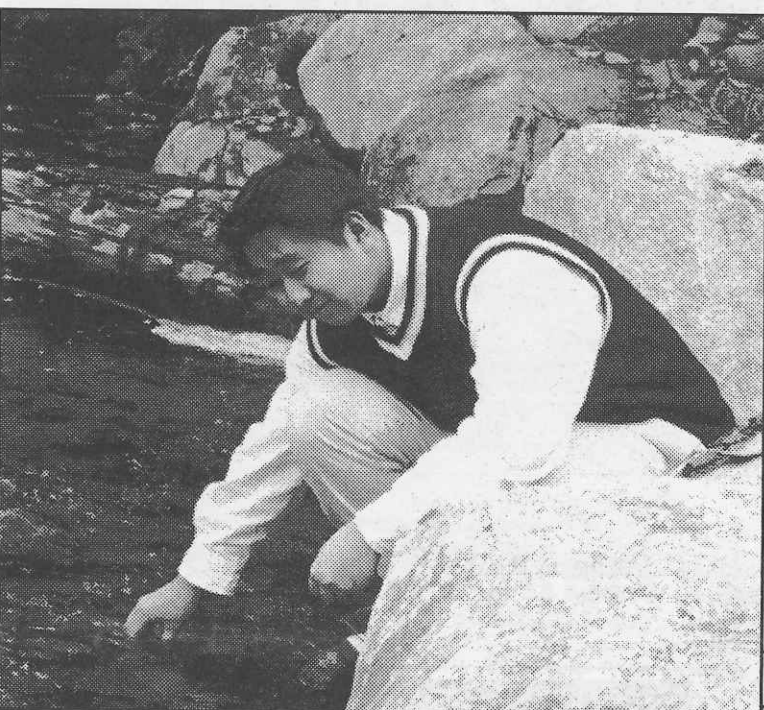
"Although it rained really hard the first and last day, the two in between were gorgeous," said **Robbie Taylor** gr. 12 "We did ocean kayaking and some flat water kayaking for fun, along with lots of walks to the beach."

The group of 30 kids and nine Gleneagle staff camped at Green Point National Park near Tofino for three days. "It was kind of like a bonding experience with all the girls, because you got to know them," said Clifford.

The first day was just a fun day with everyone paddling out to Grey Bay according to **Lance Castonguay**, trip sponsor.

"My favourite part of the trip was the ocean kayaking, it was nice because we don't get to do stuff that's adventurous with the school very often," says **Stephanie Gabriel**, gr. 12.

The group went surfing, boogie boarding, canoeing, kayaking, and hiking.



Jeff Lee, gr. 12 checks oxygen levels in stream to help spawning salmon.

## Council continues planning activities after dance cancellation

ASHLEY MIKULIK  
staff reporter

Student Council members are already busy at work, getting ready for November at Gleneagle. An important event happening this month is Remembrance Day.

The assembly for Remembrance

Day will be on Friday, November 10. Blocks this day will be altered slightly allowing for gr. 9 and 10 to be in the gym during Block B1, and gr. 11 and 12 during Block B2. According to **Elloit Bogusz**, gr. 12, a member of the Remembrance Day committee, there will be presentations from the

Band, Choir, and possibly a Drama and a multimedia presentation. Student Council is looking into finding a speaker to speak at the assembly.

Hallowe'en went well at Gleneagle. **Joanne Lai**, gr. 10 said

### council corner

that "This Millennium Halloween, was a fun one at Gleneagle."

Events included a Jello Bobbing Contest, Pinatas, and Costume Contest.

Student Council is also completing the production of a lollipop video promoting the lollipops which are sold at the kiosk, on Fridays.

The video is expected to air on the TV at Gleneagle sometime in the next few weeks.

## Jr. Boys Volleyball seeking a win

HEATHER KISSEL  
staff reporter

Jr. Boys Volleyball lost to Carney and Centennial by 19-25. They lost the second game but won the third 25-20. Talons lost 3-1 to Centennial Gleneagle Talons vs. Pinetree T-Wolves winning 3 games for the night. **Joanna Horvath**, coach, said, "We did much better on the basics that we've been practising." She also states that "I feel that the boys are prepared for the tournament, it will be tough and a good mental test for them." **Nihal Mascarenhas**, gr. 10, thinks "The team this year should do well because we are really well coached." **Wesley Webb** gr. 10, adds that "We have a really well rounded group of guys with everyone helping each other we can go really far with this team."



## V-ball girls into the swing of things

SERGE LAVAGGI  
staff reporter

The Sr. Girls volleyball team is off to a strong start after ranking fourth in the province, and having 7 wins, 2 losses in league play. **Wayne Reid**, Coach, feels the reason for the success so far is "The girls are working as a team, they are playing strong defence, and most of all they are very aggressive."

In addition with strong league play, the girls are also playing very well in tournaments, coming third in three tournaments, and placing fourth in the other. **Kelly McNabb**, gr. 12, is a new addition to the Talon squad, and is a tournament player only. She commented, "I am really surprised at the quality of players at Gleneagle, I expect the team to do really well. They are a great group of girls who welcomed me with open arms."

**Brittany Richardson**, gr. 11, also expects the team to do well this year and said, "The biggest improvement from the beginning

of the season is the passing, and the hitting is the biggest strength."

Although the girls have had a successful season so far, the injury bug has struck strong, and fast. **Leanne Carey**, gr. 11, was unfortunately knocked out for the rest of the season with torn ligaments in her right knee. She commented that she is confident that her teammates will do fine without her, and they have the potential to be in the top five in the province. Although she has confidence in her teammates, she will still miss the competitiveness of the sport, and the fun off playing with her friends. "Even though the team will be miss-

ing a starter for the rest of the season, they have the potential to have a memorable season," said Carey. In the last tournament, the girls finished second in their pool of six, and finished a respectable fifth after losing in quarterfinals.

The girls will be looking to place better than last year's finish of twelfth in the province. Expectations are high, and every player on the team, as well as coaches feel that they can easily better last years finish. With a record of 6 wins, and two loses, and a ranking of fourth in the province, are on track to better last year's performance.

## Cross country satisfied, despite missing provincials

EMILY ST. JOHN  
staff reporter

The cross country team has ended their season placing high at the Coquitlam Championships on Oct. 18, but they did not do as well as they hoped at the Fraser Valley's on the 25. Thirty- six runners from Gleneagle competed in the meets.

Grade 9 girls and boys came in first in the Coquitlam Championships. **Steven Dicken**, gr.9, has placed 1st and 2nd in the majority of his races this season and the Coquitlams were no exception.

"I've never even been to any practices. Mr. Tustin asked me to run, so I did!"

The grade. 10, 11, and 12 boys and grade 12 girls placed second. **Neal Reynolds** and **Brian Welch**, gr. 10s, placed 2nd and 3rd at the Championships, "I'm very proud of myself. It's a tough group of runners that I'm competing against and I seem to be doing really well," Reynolds said.

"Everyone's personal goal, at least secretly, if not publicly is to come first. The goal that I know I can reach

is in the top eight," **Tara Meikle**, gr. 12, stated before the meet. "To me that would be achieving the success I want." She came in 5th.

Finally the gr. 10 and 11 girls came third in the championships. "Mr. Tustin is a really good coach. I am thankful to him for pushing us hard. He always tells us to try our best but to remember to relax. He is a big part of the reason we have done so well this season." **Shahdin Farsai**, gr. 11, said.

The team competed at the Fraser Valleys where the girls team placed 16th and the boys team placed 10th. "There were lots of people!" Meikle exclaimed. "The kids did really well at the Coquitlams. At the Fraser Valleys though, the field was hard. When there's a strong field it's hard to get in the provincials," said coach **Mark Tustin**.

"Everyone runs their best race at the Fraser Valley's. I had my best time ever. I was absolutely successful in my eyes. So what I wasn't number one, it was worth it!" Farsai explained.

10, will join with the "A" swimmers who will go directly to this next level. They are **Katie Moore**, **Royce Chuo**, **Norman Ng**, **Ryan Chiew**, and **James Patterson**, gr.9.

The season ends on November 18 where the fastest seven swimmers from the swim team will go into the Fraser valley meet. If they don't do well in the Fraser Valley's they will not go in to the B.C. championships.

"The benefits with swimming with the school team are meeting new people and learning more about swimming competitively," stated **Kim Brandes** gr.10, "The goal is to get to first place in competitive swimming."

## Senior soccer boys face must-win games

RYAN GORDER  
staff reporter

Talons are off to a start of one win and one loss in the Fraser Valley championships, coming off a season with a record of 3-3-1. The team captains **Peter Winstanley**, gr.12, and **Scott Askew**, gr.12, both stated that they were upset about the performance in the regular season, but have positive outlooks for the Fraser Valleys. The Talons made the Fraser Valleys after knocking off Charles Best in a must win game on Oct. 17th. The game was at Best and the Talons

had to win or tie to clinch a playoff position, the final score was 3-1.

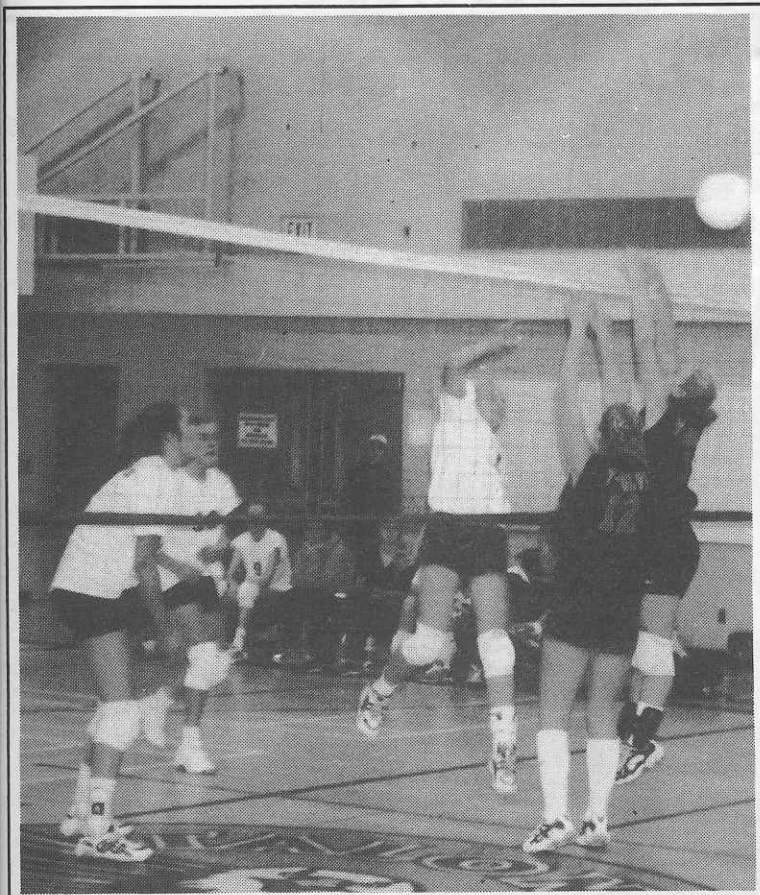
Two of the other teams in the Talons district are in the top ten teams in B.C. These teams include Terry Fox in first place and Centennial in second. The Talons sit in eighth place overall.

"Although off to a great start in the Fraser Valleys," stated **Steve Black**, gr.12, "I think we have improved over the last half of the season, but we did not play as well as we could and had a greater potential this season. I still feel confident that we will do well in the Fraser Valleys

because we have finally come together as a team."

Coach **Greg Haywood** said, "Our goal for the Fraser Valleys is to make it in the semi-finals so we can make the provincial championships," after the first game of the Fraser Valleys which was won by the Talons by a score of 6-0 against Yale on Oct.24. The second game on Oct.26 was lost to Sardis in overtime 1-0. One more loss would knock them out of the playoffs.

The Talons played on Oct. 31 but no scores were available at press time.



Over their heads: **Laura Avram**, gr. 10, spikes the ball past Pinetree defenders en route to a 3-1 set victory, as **Erin Wiskar**, gr. 9, and **Caitlyn Murray**, gr. 12, watch the play.

## Swimmers take sixth in first meet

JUSTINE LEGGE  
Staff Reporter

The swim team has participated for the first time in the Coquitlam championships. This small Gleneagle squad did well for their first swim meet, with the Jr. team finishing 6th in the district, according to **Gary Conley**, principal and coach.

"I am very impressed with the inexperienced team members who showed passion and commitment in their involvement with the team," said **Diane Silzer**, co-coach of the team.

**Royce Chuo**, gr.10 was asked how he thought the first meet went, he said, "I believed that everybody did well because we all strived to do our best."

"I think the swim team will do very good on the next swim meet because of the good swimmers," says **Andrew Yoon**, gr.10.

The second swim meet was on Oct. 27, where four swimmers qualified to advance to the Fraser Valley championships on Nov. 4th at S.F.U.

**Erin O'Melinn**, gr.12, **Erin Wiskar**, gr.9, **Tyler Dilworth**, gr.



Focusing on victory: **Dani Foster**, gr. 11, attempts to sweep the ball from a Pinetree forward as **Caitlin Sherriff**, gr. 10, and **Steph Gabriel**, gr. 12, ready themselves for a pass. The girls went on to tie this game, with a final score of 1-1.

## Sr. field hockey girls finish third

NADA HUSSAIN  
staff reporter

To make it to the Fraser Valleys, the Sr. girls field hockey had to place 2nd out of 6 teams in the north league. They placed 3rd. Out of the 5 teams they played, they ended up beating Archbishop, Carney, Pinetree, and Riverside, and losing against Centennial and Port Moody.

Their last game was played against Port Moody on Thursday Oct. 19. Port Moody ended up going home with a 2-0 win. The team played 10 games altogether, with 3 wins, 6 losses, and a tie.

When asked about their last game, **Annie Tran**, gr. 11, said, "We tried really hard and we were missing some of our key players. Even though we lost, we had lots of fun in the rain."

There were differing opinions about the team's progress, but all agreed when it came to opinions on parent coach **David Bargiacchi**.

**Shannon Lowe**, gr.12, said, "He was a really good coach. He taught us new skills, he was always there, and he put in a positive attitude in every game and practice."

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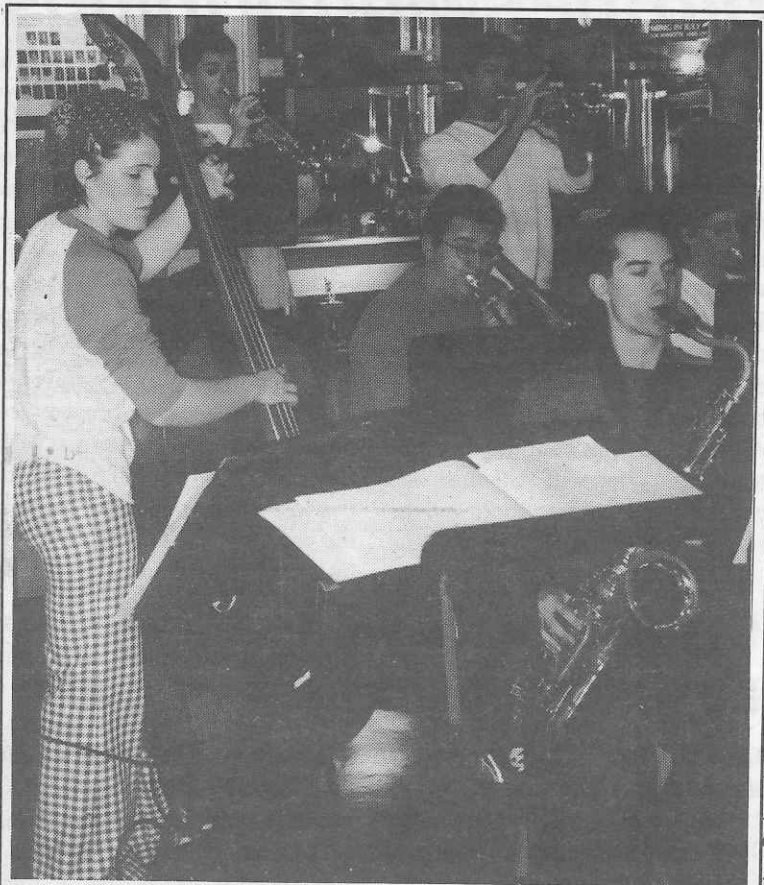
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The Band performs in front foyer: from left to right: Georgia Korba, Geoff Stevens, Chris Wattam, Andy Au, Adriano Liver, Adam Nason, Richie Mitchell, gr. 12's.

## Musicians CD to be released

SHEENA URQUHART  
staff reporter

After five months of production, the music department's CD is now completed. As well, Evan Bueckert and Brent Hughes, music directors, have made a long-awaited announcement about the destination of the music tour this spring.

Gleneagle Chili, the music department's new CD, which has been in production for five months, is now finished. The CD, with cover art in the style of a chili can, is on display today in the main foyer.

Bueckert says he worked "until the wee hours of the morning" last July to transform the recordings made last June into the tracks that now appear on the album. The CD includes two tracks from each of the department's groups: three jazz bands, two concert bands, two jazz choirs and one concert choir. CDs can be purchased in the music department

office or on Gleneagle's website for \$10.

Bueckert and computer teacher, Scott Findley designed the cover art in the style of a can of chili because Bueckert said that he thought "it would be neat to compare the music department to a stew." Bueckert then brought the idea to Findley, who scanned the label from a can of chili onto a computer and then altered it.

The name and cover art were inspired by a song sung by last year's mixed jazz choir, said Hughes. "The Gleneagle music department is like a good chili — it needs a bunch of ingredients and spices to be tasty."

Also, look for a "hit song" entitled *Chili Con Carne* on the CD.

The CD serves as a fundraiser for the departments trip to San Francisco in May.

More than 100 students have committed to going on the trip which will span for four days over the May long weekend.

Over the course of the four day

tour, all groups will perform in the Heritage Festival. They will be listened to and rated by several knowledgeable musicians from the Heritage Festival society.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity to play in an American music festival -- the standards are very high in the States. Plus, there are seven rollercoasters," said Bueckert.

Students will visit an amusement park and various attractions in the San Francisco area, among other activities designed to introduce music students from all over North America to each other.

Angela Brinkworth, gr. 10 choir member, said, "I'm extremely, extremely excited; I love San Francisco."

"(The trip) is a great opportunity for the music department and myself; it's a chance for us to perform and learn new techniques with music students from around North America," said Hillary Grant, gr. 11 music student.

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## The Exorcist still a horrific masterpiece to see

CLINTON TIESSEN  
guest reporter

When a couple of my friends asked me to go with them to see *The Exorcist*, I was enthused. After seeing the previews, I was looking forward to it. I am still not sure whether watching this movie was one of my biggest mistakes or greatest achievements of my life.

Everyone who sees this movie and says they were not scared, are dirty liars. After seeing this movie, I went home and was so troubled by watching it, that getting to sleep was a problem.

A certain disturbing scene from the movie repeated itself in my head, like a movie reel of the mind: a girl stabbing herself in the groin in front of her mother, screaming obscenities.

Calling this movie mentally disturbing is an understatement,

but not seeing it would be a travesty.

Something that many people don't realize is that this movie was originally made in 1973 and was a film that was way ahead of its time in special effects.

It pushed the social boundaries of the time, and created a new genre of film for future generations to enjoy. With effects like a girl purging green puke all over a priest, to a girl crabwalking backwards down the stairs with blood spewing from her mouth, I was sufficiently impressed, scared, and in awe of the film makers. Adding this to the new scenes and effects of today, and my awe only increased.

This movie, unlike many of today's movies, provoked thought, emotions, and insight into the potential dark side of the spirit world.

The only downfall of this fantastic bit of film work is the nauseatingly slow beginning. The pathetic

beginning made me wonder if I should leave the cinema right then and there, which I have only done once before.

The beginning takes place in Iraq at an excavation site. One of the characters digs up a relic which is a miniature statue of the most evil of evil gods. The correlation between this and the rest of the story is very slim and had me questioning why they even included it in the film.

The director could have taken off 15 minutes from the film, and made the movie a lot more entertaining and enjoying.

Besides this fault, the plot for this movie was infallible. I recommend that for a real scare, you spend the money and go see this movie at Silvercity where the large screen will only add to an unforgettable experience.

## Actors planning for Metfest Festival, Remembrance Day

SUYIN LIM  
staff reporter

Actors are rehearsing for the upcoming Metfest Festival which occurs Nov. 20-24 at Burnaby South in the Michael J. Fox Theatre. Gleneagle has won this festival for the past 2 years.

Two plays the actors are preparing are *Purgatory* and *6:15 on the 104*. Previews for these plays were held on Oct. 25 in Burnaby for the purpose of reducing negative effects of competition and building comradery amidst all the competing schools, says Nicole Roberge, drama teacher.

Sharon Aharon, gr. 12, says "*Purgatory* is a very dark play, because Richard Dixon, our previous director chose it. He enjoys offering this type of challenge for the cast and director."

"*Purgatory* has some incredibly powerful pieces of poetry," says Roberge, co-director of *Purgatory*, with Adam Nason, gr. 12. *6:15 on the 104* contrasts *Purgatory's* poetry with its dramatic comedy, says Robbie Taylor, gr. 12 director.

"We're discovering the inner meaning of the script and finalising the characters that we're working

with. We're all starting to get a feeling of group harmony," says Taylor.

This is Taylor's first student directed play. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished, and I'm happy with my cast. I'm glad just to be a part of it all."

Chris Jorgenson, gr. 10, agrees, "I'm pleased to have such a committed director and cast to work with on this challenging play."

Keitha Harris a gr. 11 who is a cast member of *6:15 on the 104* says, "I'm scared and intimidated since this is my first Metfest play, but I'm ready for the challenge because I love the experience of learning from fellow actors."

Roberge, is proud of what her classes have accomplished. "I'm impressed with the support I've recieved from the teachers, and the audience who help the actors commit fully to their performances," she said.

The upcoming Remembrance Day presentations, which will be held on Nov. 10, will have Drama students presenting a specially choreographed piece which is "top secret," according to Roberge, "but definitely something worth seeing."

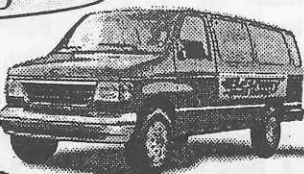
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