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# the Edge

## Outdoor Club braves weather on trip to Garibaldi



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**Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho, it's off to camp we go:** Gleneagle's Outdoor Club overcame unexpected winter conditions on their camping trip to Garibaldi Lake last weekend. The excursion was a lot of hard work, but also good exercise and a fun way to meet new people.

### CASSIE BARATELLI

guest reporter

The outdoor club faced an unexpected eight inches of snow last weekend, but still "really enjoyed it," said **Krista Bogen**, COAST teacher and organizer of the outdoor club.

The club spent the weekend camping at Garibaldi Lake after hiking nine kilometers from Black Tusk trail. Members were "prepared for all the weather conditions, which was good," said Bogen.

Despite the harsh and unexpected weather, the members of the club still

managed to make the best of it by playing games. "We got to play hide and go seek in the dark," said **Courtney Bains**, grade 11. According to **Brendan Sinclair**, grade 11, "the best hiding spot was by the lake in the front bushes."

**David Waizel**, grade 10, enjoyed "being the winner; it was pretty fun," he added. "It was new because we did it outside in the snow," which was freezing according to the members of the club. **Andy Escobedo**, grade 10, said, "It was fun slipping and not being able to see." Along with hide and seek they also spent the night telling stories. "It's a great way for kids to make lasting

friendships and learn how to take care of themselves," said Bogen.

The students also had to bring and make their own food. "The grade 10 boys had ramen noodles, which I think left them a little hungry," she laughed, although Waizel protested that they "were fine!" Sinclair laughed and exclaimed they "can't get a hot n' ready pizza," but he brought himself lasagna and a dark chocolate cheese cake. Waizel, Escobedo and Bains, all first timers, said they would go on another trip. "[I] will go back," said Waizel.

"It was a pretty enjoyable experience. It was fun and we learned how to work with

each other," Waizel said.

"This is my first time doing the outdoors club but I did COAST last semester so I was more knowledgeable," said Bains. Escobedo explained how it was a lot of hard work, but good exercise and "a good way to meet people."

The next trip is scheduled for the end of exam week, and the club "just got a whole new set of tents," said **Greg Gosse**, grade 12.

"[You] get to learn what [you're] capable of," said Bogen, explaining that the club is open to the whole school but she only has space for "30 [students] on a bus with all the equipment."

## New faces grace Gleneagle as 2012/2013 school year begins

### CASSIE BARATELLI

guest reporter

This year we are welcoming to our Talon's nest four new teachers, **Joanie Bowes**, math 9 and LIF support teacher, **Adam Miller**, planning and English teacher, **Cherie Nagra**, I.C.T 9, marketing 11, and work experience 12 teacher, and **Oliver Utting**, chemistry, science and math teacher.

"I think the students and the atmosphere are really good," said Nagra, "[It's] a really good environment to be working in." Bowes also states that "the staff are very supportive and the students I've met are very friendly and hard working."

The new staff members all hope to stay on at Gleneagle for next year due to the friendly students, and staff that have made their stay at Gleneagle enjoyable. "I'm crossing my fingers that I'll still be here in the future," said Bowes. "At Gleneagle, it's more like a team effort," she added.

Miller previously taught at Riverside Secondary, which according to Utting, looks exactly like Gleneagle "except backwards."

Nagra said she "was at Heritage Woods for a year and a half, and was at Port Moody Secondary before that, and subbed for [the] Delta School District as well."

"I like all the schools in Coquitlam a lot more than other school districts that I've worked in. I worked in Vancouver and North Van," said Utting.

Bowes has not only taught in B.C., but originally "began to teach in South Dakota, then moved to Puerto Rico for a few years, and then the Dominican Republic, then to Korea for a year," she said.

"The hardest part is the first few weeks or month where you don't really know anybody or where everything is," said Utting.

Nagra said that she loves the flexibility of the administrators at the school and how friendly and welcoming everybody at Gleneagle has been.

"There's definitely spirit in the student body," commented Bowes, "and I do see people having fun."

Nagra also noted that "people like to go the extra mile" at Gleneagle.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 29-30

HAUNTED HOUSE

OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN FASHION SHOW

NOVEMBER 7

Gr. 9 TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK DAY

NOVEMBER 9

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 12

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY



# Halloween—not only forum for masked identities

October 31, or as many know it, Halloween, seems to be the odd holiday out. Rather than celebrating positive themes, Halloween's job is to frighten and cause mischief. It isn't about sharing, kindness, or family. In fact, Halloween couldn't be more individual. It's the time of year that everyone gets to put on a mask and pretend to be something they're not. It can be refreshing, breaking the monotony of daily personalities, bringing out something unexpected in everyone. It seems that something is meant to be released on Halloween, something that is built up inside. You dress up, scare people, and make trouble; Halloween is your opportunity to be free.

Pretending to be something you're not can be satisfying. Authenticity, however, is required for any sane person to

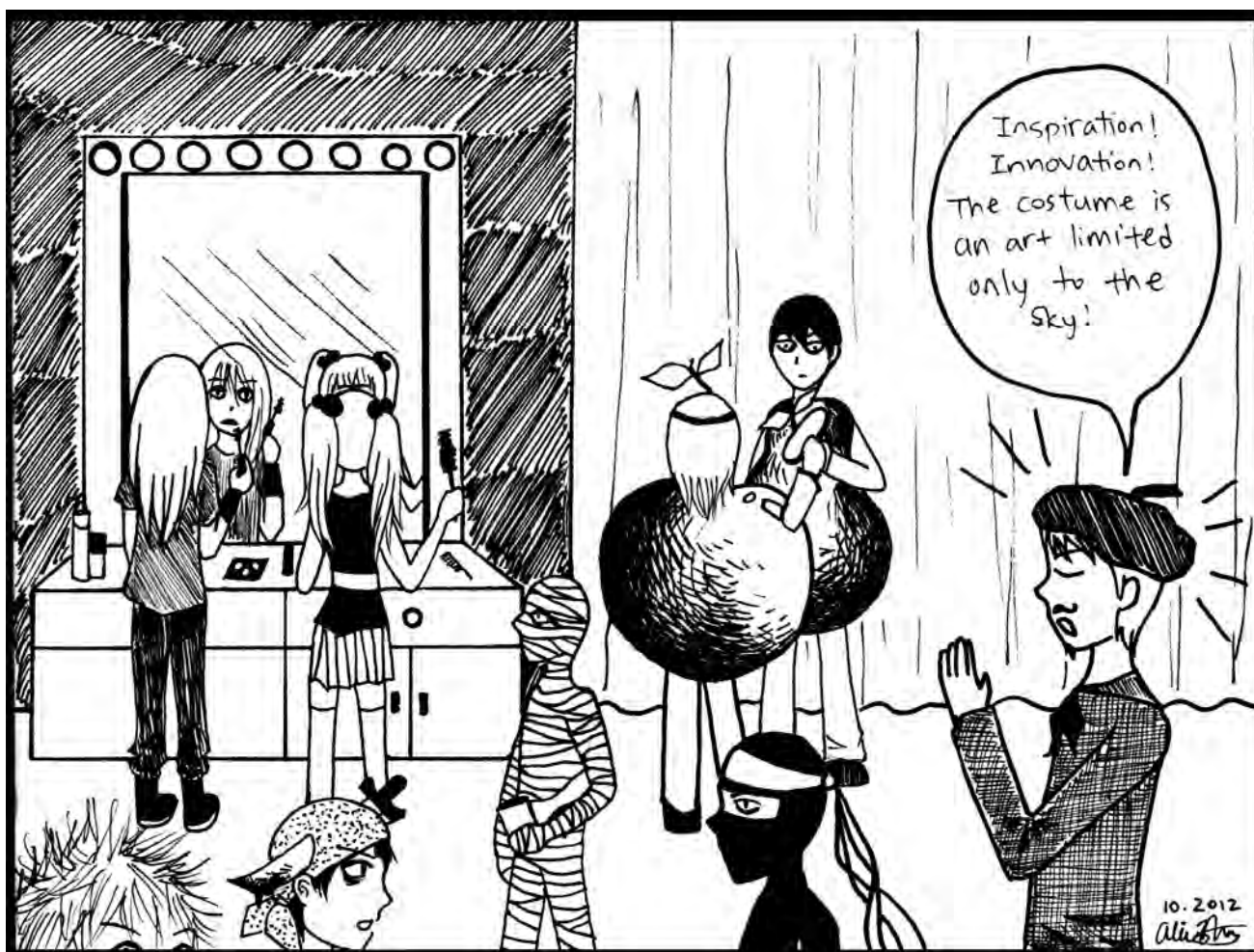
*Authenticity is necessary not just face to face but on the internet as well*

operate. If you live your life always pretending, acting as someone else, you might become that persona while the real you is creeping around at the back of your head, filling you with unidentifiable uncertainty and insecurity.

And here lies the problem; we live in a society that demands certain personalities, certain scenes you have to act out. Are you truly yourself or have you been molded into something else by the society you live in? Escapism can take on a whole new meaning.

The internet has, so quickly, become an integral part of our society that some people can't imagine living without it, while some still don't know how to use it.

And the internet has become the ultimate in freedom of expression. People seem to have taken the internet as their Halloween for the other 364 days of the year, acting out



against others.

The consensus is they're pretending. Some people hide through the internet to batter and bully others. They can be animalistic in their brutality and terrifying in their anonymity.

Because no one knows who they are, they can get away with saying things that they would never say in person.

The issue must somehow be addressed. Authenticity is necessary not just face to face but on the internet as well.

Leave pretending for Halloween.

## Cybercrime Prevention Act limits freedom of speech in Philippines



Edge Columnist

law with the goal of prohibiting cyber offences such as cybersex, child pornography, and illegal file sharing.

These clauses are already debates within themselves when it comes to the infringement on freedom of speech.

But the clause that gained the most controversy was how the Act made libel a cybercrime.

Under this clause, the government can

defect, real or imaginary, or any act, omission, condition, status, or circumstance tending to cause the dishonor, discredit, or contempt of a natural or juridical person, or to blacken the memory of one who is dead."

If your mind is spinning due to all those commas and you are wondering what exactly constitutes libel, you are not the only one.

Many Filipinos, especially students, jour-

nalists and bloggers, are in the same boat as you.

nalists and bloggers, are in the same boat as you.

They question the supposedly democratic government's backward and vague approach to communication today.

Under this definition, libel could be virtually anything.

A friend could post a picture of your new, questionable hair cut and put a teasing caption.

Does that constitute as libel? Do you feel the picture portrayed you negatively? From your friend's perspective, it may just be a

harmless joke, even if you don't find it funny.

A Filipino journalist posting an article criticizing a politician in the Philippines could lead to the journalist's arrest, even constructive criticism. From the government's perspective, it could be seen as defamatory and ultimately their opinion trumps yours.

Furthermore, someone could express their discontent about Philippine politics from across the globe, such as here in Canada.

Are we subject to the terms of this law because we shared an unpopular opinion about the government?

We are living in times where every tweet, message, favorite, like, and reblog represents our thoughts and opinions.

Although the Act may have good reason for implementation such as the possibility to charge someone for cyber bullying, there is still the overshadowing argument of government censorship restricting our freedom of speech.

For now, the law has been suspended in the Philippines after 15 petitions were filed against it.

Many Filipinos hope the law falls through. If not, I'll see you all in jail.

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arrest or fine a person for any comment or action done on the Internet that they feel is libellous.

Libel is a maliciously written statement, gesture, picture, or spoken word that may portray an individual, group, religion, nation or government negatively.

As you can see, the dictionary definition is quite broad and subjective.

The definition in the Act itself is even more so. According to the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, libel is a "public and malicious imputation of a crime, or of a vice or

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# What is the weirdest Halloween treat you have ever received?

**YOU SAID IT!**



Grade 9  
"A pencil"



Grade 10  
"I got a half-eaten, wet lollipop, coloured green"

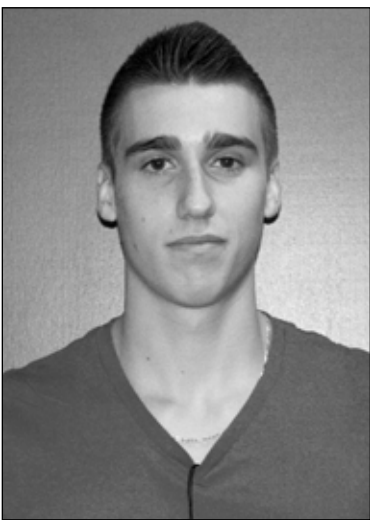


Grade 11  
"Candy flavoured dental floss"



Grade 12  
"Toothpaste"

## *Billionaires versus millionaires: Hockey fan questions who's to blame for NHL lockout*



edge columnist

NHL's team owners; much like **Donald Fehr** is the face of the NHL's players, or the NHLPA

no better fans in the world than the ones the NHL has."

million dollars per year, for four years.

Let me remind you that the lowest contract you can sign a player to in the NHL is 500 thousand dollars per year, which if you ask me, is a little more than well off.

*Gary Bettman is a self-absorbed, arrogant person. . .*

(National Hockey League Players Association).

Let's face it. Gary Bettman is a self-absorbed, arrogant person who has often been accused of having "little man syndrome"... whatever that may be.

He is an easy target for this lockout because it almost seems like he is asking for it.

The way he talks, his body language, and the smirk he constantly has on his face describes someone who is almost enjoying this situation.

He repeatedly says, "There are

fan myself, I sure don't believe he really thinks that for a second. I feel like his three lockouts are a bit more meaningful.

But enough about Gary Bettman. Let's not forget that the NHL and NHLPA are arguing over the league's revenues such as concessions, tickets, 50/50 draws, memorabilia and mini donuts for that matter.

They are not angry about agreed salaries, but about the bonus'. For example, if a player X gets signed to a four year 16 million dollar contract, he will receive four

Added onto that, he gets a portion of the revenues made from the arena he plays at, or a "bonus".

It's hard to sympathize with the players when **Henrik Sedin** is making 6.1 million dollars per year and he's complaining about his "bonus".

Some people bring up the argument of how the bottom end

As hockey fans, there is not much we can really do but hope the NHL and NHLPA will resolve their problems.

People sum up this lockout as the "millionaires versus the billionaires," (millionaires being

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players or the "fourth liners" of the NHL are not well off like the big money players such as **Sidney Crosby**.

the players and billionaires being the owners).

And the sad part is, nobody can really disagree with that.





# Celebrities inspire Talons to make impossibility, possible

**ALISHA LEE**  
staff reporter

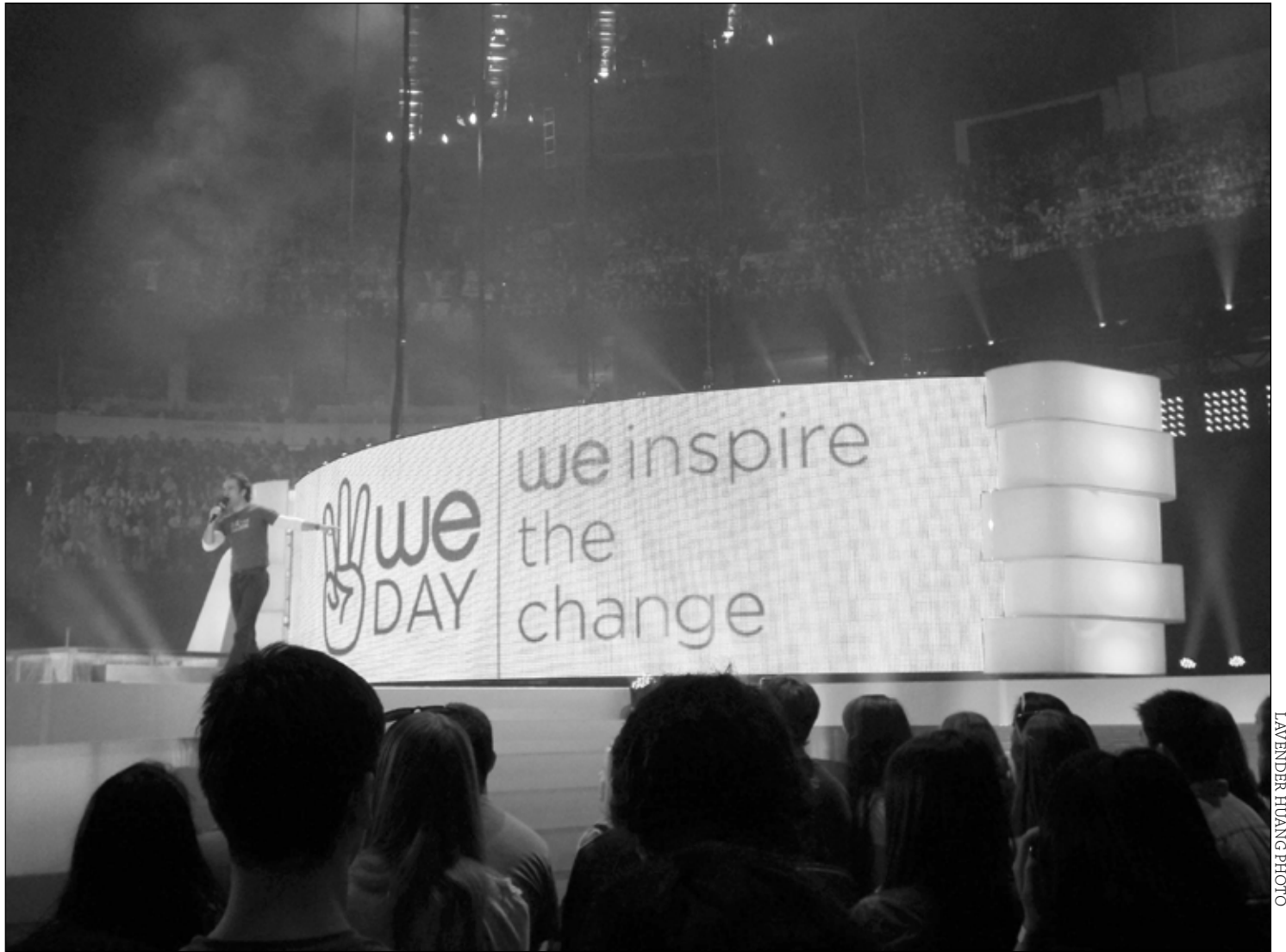
We Day 2012 was definitely filled to the brim with motivation, inspiration and encouragement. The air was buzzing with excitement, enthusiasm and eagerness. About 20,000 people in attendance were inspired by people like Archbishop **Desmond Tutu**, a social rights activist and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, **Spencer West**, a man who lost both legs yet was still determined enough to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, and performers such as **Demi Lovato**, **One Republic** and **Cody Simpson**.

Thousands of people, including Gleneagle's own Me to We Team, showed up at We Day Vancouver to be inspired to help others in need, and to initiate change when the annual event was held at Rogers Arena on October 18, 2012. There were numerous influential speakers, but Tutu, the determined social rights activist seemed to touch many hearts.

**Christina Zhang**, a tenth grader who attended We Day, said, "even though it was clear that the things he went through during Apartheid could keep any person down for a lifetime, he still laughed at his own jokes and danced with the music."

We Day is the initiative of Free the Children, an international charity that Me to We teams support. Our own Me to We team began in 2009, but ended up disbanding two years later. **Jennifer Allott**, grade 11 and **Iris Hung**, grade 11, decided to take over as co-chairs to rebuild the group.

They've helped children in Ecuador in the past by building a school for them, which is now a completed project, and one of their current projects is working towards raising



**We are the change:** **Craig Kielburger**, founder of Me to We, spreads his inspiration on stage to the hundreds of youth across Canada attending We Day. Gleneagle's We team was among the 20,000 strong crowd.

money to build a water well.

This year, they will continue with Micro-giving, a bottle drive and a guitar night.

A couple of their fundraisers will be, or

have been, helped by the TALONS program, such as the 12 Hour Relay in September, as well as The Kids Helping Kids Swap Meet which will be held in March

and an Art Wall.

As West said, "Just because the world tells us that something is impossible doesn't mean we have to believe it."

## Green Team rallying to provide fresh produce in cafeteria



**MAUREN LAO**  
staff reporter

The Green team is planning a garden that will provide fresh produce for our cafeteria. Although Gleneagle has previously had a garden, this year is going to be different. "Our school has previously had a small . . . one box garden a couple years ago but it got taken out because it wasn't maintained so I hope to make it bigger and more successful," said **Bronwyn Vaisey**, grade 10, garden manager of the green team.

According to Vaisey, the green team is going to be volunteering their time to help; however, they would like more of the school to be involved in this project.

"I'm looking at asking the wood shop class to help build the boxes and I'll ask the chef program what food they want and maybe get the art club to . . . paint the boxes and try to get as much of the school as involved as I can," she said.

The details of what items will be grown are still undecided. "We are going to decide as a group together but . . . heartier plants like carrots and lettuce and radish and maybe some tomatoes," said Vaisey. "I think I'm interested in maybe putting native species into it so you have the native British Columbia aspect to it and maybe put in some flowers to attract . . . bees who are diminishing in our environment," she added.

Because winter is coming up,

the garden will get started in the spring to avoid complications. Vaisey added, "We want to get the planter boxes in place and maybe get the soil ready. However, we are not going to plant until after winter."

According to Vaisey, as well as providing fresh produce, the role of the garden is also to raise student awareness of the value of locally produced products in a visual way.

Other than the garden, the green team is maintaining the composting system that was implemented previously. "Starting two years ago we began implementing organic waste collection in the school and it really kicked off last year with our new blue towers," said **Jennifer Allott**, grade 11, co-chair of the green team.

"The top tower has a liner in it which students can place all food waste in. And then a special team of volunteers collects that on Thursdays...We have a contract that picks that up and trucks it off to a commercial place where it can be composted," Allott added.

"Putting things in the compost is simple and at the same time, very environmentally friendly."

"A large percentage of our waste that goes in the garbage is food waste...that can easily be composted," Allott said. "And while 50 percent of our waste is being trucked all the way to Cache Creek or it's being incinerated here, or being brought to the already basi-

cally full Vancouver landfill, that's just not a sustainable solution for the world."

Allott feels the bins are under-utilized. "I look inside the garbage bin, like that one has an apple core in it, and even though the garbage cans and the towers are very close they are not being used [to] their full capacity. So we just want to promote it and really get the word out about how easy it is. There [are] instructional signs right above them," she added.

"You can put in our compost bins. . . all the scraps from your lunch including dairy, grain, meat, fruit and veggies; you can put coffee grounds, tea bags, paper towels," she said.

According to **Quirien Mulder ten Kate**, sponsor of the green team, "the club has made great strides forward last year with their efforts to expand the recycling program ... this time it is not so much about recycling, it's also about reducing."

"So, I'm really pleased to see that they are going to take it to the next step," she added.

**Katie Shin**, grade 10, co-chair of the green team said "It's more than just helping our school; it's more environment stuff ... people just need more awareness and people that care need to speak up a bit more," she added.

Ultimately, this committee's goal is to make the school a waste free environment, "hopefully, no garbage at all," Shin explained.

**Slam dunk in the compost bin:** Grade 10, makes use of the blue compost bins. The Green Team is hoping for more wide-spread use.

# From textbook to real life experience

**JORDAN LOUIE**  
staff reporter

Grade 12 geography students brought the classroom to life during an excursion to Stawamus Chief in Squamish, BC, earlier this month.

**Peter Poka**, geography teacher, said “The reason for the trip was for students to experience, in nature, what we’re learning in the classroom.”

The trip involved a hike up the Stawamus Chief, the second largest monolith in North America.

In class, students are learning about glaciation, rivers, weathering, and erosion. The Stawamus Chief has all of these features.

**Ashley Schaffer**, grade 12, said, “On the hike we had to find different rock structures and different features of the land.”

The view from the top of the chief is also beautiful. According to Poka, students were 2000 feet up in the air looking down on everything.

**Danielle Hamblin**, grade 12, said “The trip showed real life examples of the things we learnt in class.”

The excursion, held on October 2, is an annual geography 12 field trip.

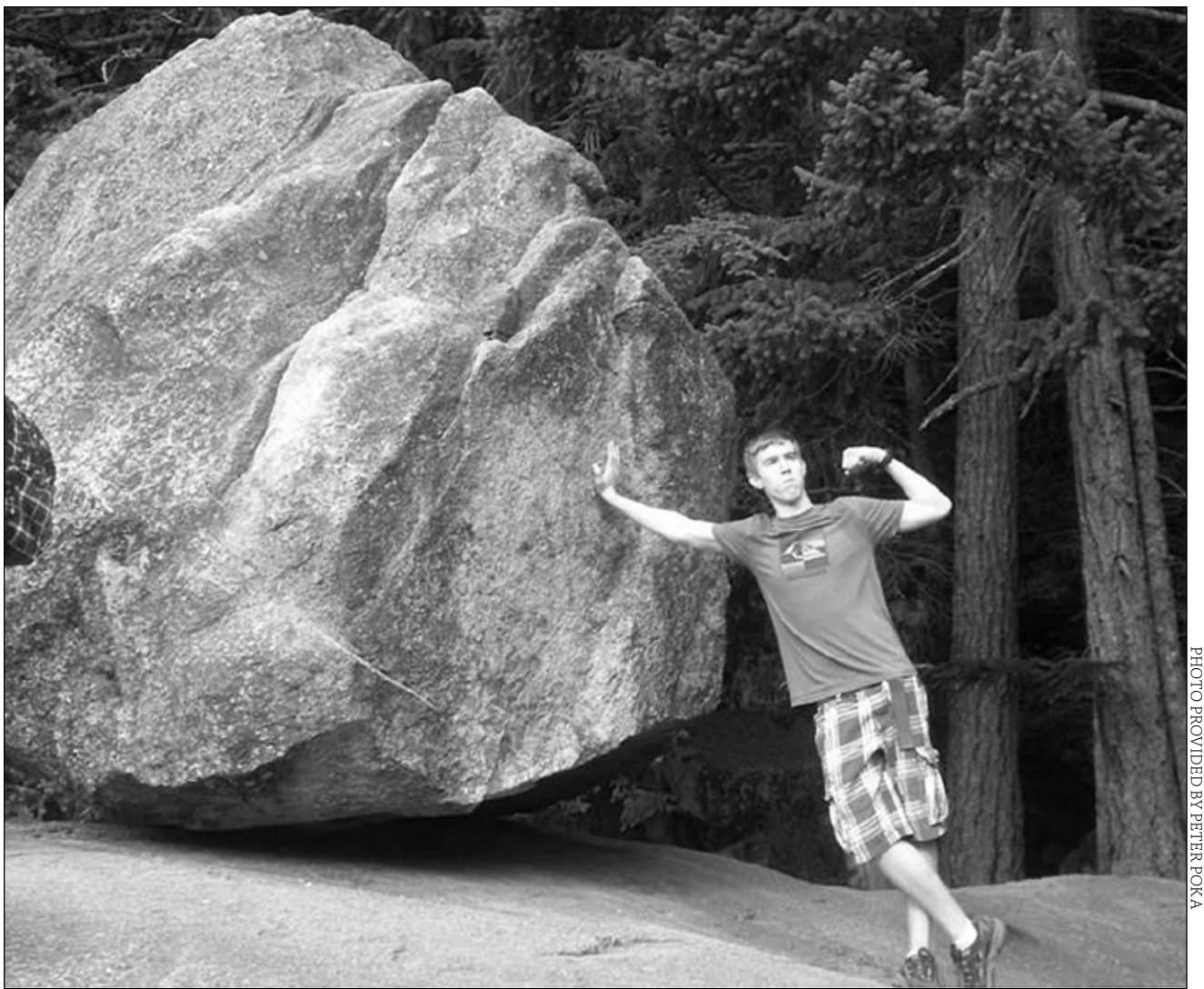


PHOTO PROVIDED BY PETER POKA

**Chief of the Chief:** Grade 12, poses on a break from an arduous hike up the Stawamus Chief. Geography 12 students participate in the field trip each year.

# Rousing school spirit in disguise through leadership, student council

**KAILA GUIMOND**  
staff reporter

For the spirit of Halloween, the Leadership 11 class and student council will be hosting spooky events this month.

Student council is planning a scare for Gleneagle next week with their haunted house.

The house will have a bone-chilling Hospital and Childsplay theme.

It will be held on October 29 and 30. The cost will be one dollar per ticket

and all the proceeds will go to school funding and charity.

“We are also using social media as a tool of marketing,” said **Veronica Wu**, grade 12. Student council will be using facebook for future events, so students have more access to information.

“The main thing I want to get out of this is pride,” said **Scott Lee**, grade 12, chairman of student council.

“Having pride in school activities. My expectations are for students to have fun and to enjoy what their school has to offer.

And for them to realize we have a student council.”

Leadership 11 will be hosting the Halloween fashion show this month. It will be taking place at lunch on Halloween day.

Spectators are welcomed and encouraged to watch their fellow Talons walk down the catwalk in their best, most creative costumes.

Students wishing to take part in the show have to sign up at the office on October 31, in the morning or between blocks 1 and 2.

“Contestants have to be fully dressed

in their costume in order to receive a ticket, permitting them to be in the show,” said **Molly Yu**, grade 10, member of the committee.

“The costume has to be school appropriate and pass school policy in order to participate,” Yu added.

Teachers **Heidi Upton**, **Billy Demonte** and **Ali Tootian** will be judging the fashion show to give prizes to the best female, best male, best duo and best group costume.

“We hope this contest gives students some school spirit!” said **Amy Leem**, grade 11.

# Learning from near-death experience: Gleneagle graduate turns “your mess into a message”

**ALEXANDRA COOPER**  
staff reporter

T.E.A.M. was the theme of last Wednesday’s motivational assembly in the school gym.

Speaker, **Dave Jonnson**, Gleneagle graduate 2005, highlighted the importance of time for yourself, exercise, an attitude of gratitude, and turning your mess into a message.

“In order to be fulfilled in life and to be excited about each and every day, we really just have to make that T.E.A.M. effort,” said Jonnson.

**Jordan Flatman**, grade 9, who agreed with Jonnson’s message added, “Live your life to the fullest, don’t sit back and wait for it to happen; just do it.”

Jonnson now makes a living out of encouraging young adults to appreciate everything they have and not waste their life on drugs and alcohol.

“I found it enlightening in terms of how one should go about their life,” said **Tea Zaurrini**, grade 10.

Jonnson’s epiphany occurred after being in a plane crash into the mountains just outside of Squamish, resulting in the death of his best friend and his own near-fatal injuries that prevented him from high level skateboarding, his passion, for months.

“It (Jonnson’s message) told me to cherish the people around me and just love them,” said **Linda Liu**, grade 12.

Students and teachers responded to Jonnson’s presentation enthusiastically. “I found it very inspirational; it made me think,” said grade 9, **Ashley Smith**.

After the speech, Jonnson met with any inspired students who wanted to find out more about his experiences.

This is Gleneagle’s second assembly of the year, organized by the leadership class. The first assembly was to honour Terry Fox and commemorate his fight against cancer at the time of the annual Terry Fox run in September.



JODI UDELL PHOTO

**Living life to the fullest:** Dave Jonnson shares his life changing story in the hopes of inspiring students to take advantage of opportunities that arise in their daily lives. Jonnson graduated from Gleneagle in 2005.



# Gleneagle's cross-country team intent on provincial success



KATHERINE CHUNG PHOTO

**Going the distance:** Student sets a personal best as he clinched first place in district competition. Smith is in his fourth season with the Talons leading his team into Fraser Valleys.

**JENNIFER KOU**  
staff reporter

The Gleneagle cross-country team's season is drawing to a close, but they are finishing it off with success. "They are doing really well. Each week they have improved their time," said **Katherine Chung**, coach.

The B.C. provincial competition, taking place in November, is rapidly approaching and team members are doing their best to prepare.

"I'm working on closing the gap between me and another runner ahead of me and continually improving," said **Kyle Smith**, grade 12 runner, in his fourth and final year of cross-country.

The Fraser Valleys were on October 24. Results were not available at press time.

This is a very important meet because it determines who goes to provincials. Taking place in Aldergrove, the Gleneagle team will race against all the teams from the districts.

"Every time I show up at the Fraser Valley's I get really nervous cause you see a whole bunch of people you've never seen before," said Smith.

The District competition took place on October 17. Competing against schools in the Coquitlam area, Gleneagle once again did very well.

Prior to the meet, Chung said, "I would really like to see our grade 12 boys win the districts." And they did. The grade 12 boys team won the District Championships with Smith coming in first place in the grade 12 individual division. "Kyle Smith ran his fastest race ever," said Chung. **Jordan Garrison**, grade 9, also came in first place for her division.

Earlier competition this season included the Triple C Invitational, on Wednesday October 10. The Gleneagle team invited schools in the Coquitlam, Maple Ridge, and Burnaby school districts to come to compete with them. "We did really well," said Chung. The top times of three Gleneagle grade 12 boys, Smith (first place), **Andrew Chang** (fourth place), and **Jason Fong** (eleventh place), won them the grade 12 team award.

"We sort of say that running is a bit of an individual sport," said Chung. "Each time you do the race, you're just trying to make your time a little bit better than the week before."

The Gleneagle Talons are proving their time and racing to the finish. But behind the scenes, a lot of hard work goes into preparing for the race. When asked to describe his routine, Smith says, "I do the school practices. I'm practicing with a club ... and I do light weight workouts every other morning."

## Sr. girls attempt victory

**YOUMY HAN**  
guest reporter

The senior girls volleyball team is struggling to secure a spot in district playoffs after a difficult start to the season.

The score so far is four games with only one win against Centennial, which has been the team's first win in a league-game in three years.

The girls lost to Terry Fox after an intense, five-set game last Thursday. They played Maple Ridge Tuesday evening, but scores were not available at press time.

"We either get up on them and fall behind; [or] we think that we are going to win... then let them take more points away from us,"

said team captain **Alicia Cecchini**, grade 12.

According to coach **Billy Demonte**, in order to ensure a spot, the girls will most likely have to win every game from now on.

"Their serves are not becoming an issue so much anymore," said Demonte. "I just have to make sure they have smart hits, that they cover the ball more, and move as a team and work as a team."

**Jenna Bentley**, grade 12, adds that the team needs to "work on our communication a lot; and that just comes with being a new team."

As a senior team, the majority are grade 11's, with only four grade 12's and even a grade 10.

"They're skilled and a lot of them play club too which is good," said Bentley. "We're just still learning to play together."

Off court problems have also plagued the team.

**Shaye Grant**, grade 12, suffered a concussion, and is still unable to head back onto the court.

"Whenever anybody's down it affects the team as a whole," said Demonte.

The girls also played a pre-season tournament in Langley close to the start of the year.

They placed "somewhere in the middle among 50 teams, in terms of skill level and ability," said Demonte.

The team still has one more game against Pinetree on November 1. "Depending on how other teams do and the standings, hopefully we'll make it to districts," said Bentley.

## Junior boys striving for consistency

**STEPHANIE LUI**  
staff reporter

Winning two out of four games so far, the junior boys volleyball team is striving to build a stronger and more consistent team.

"We have lots of potential," said captain, **Sina Maloufi**, grade 10. "Now we're trying to put [our potential] into use."

This year's junior boys' volleyball team is a combination of grade 9's and grade 10's, bringing in both experience and shaping potential.

With the number of new players who have joined the team this year, an emphasis was placed on team building and bonding. "[The grade ten boys] from last year play an important role in teaching and guiding the new [players]," explained coach **Art Abram**.

The boy's sweat and hard-work paid off with their well-fought game on Monday, October 22, winning against Riverside, a tough rival.

The team played a tough game losing 3-1 on Wednesday, October 17 against Centennial and lost another hard game to Heritage Woods on October 10. They took victory in their first game against Charles Best on October 3.

"Though we played some tough games, we can learn from our

mistakes," stated **Dennis Kim**, grade 10. "These games can turn losses into valuable experiences."

"Each player has individual strengths, but we are learning to bring these strengths together as team," said Maloufi.

The captain himself has played a leadership role in mentoring his fellow teammates and is a source of motivation, according to **Troy Brown**, grade 9.

The team is working on "improving their teamwork and communication on court," Kim said.

## Soccer team shoots for playoffs

**DAWSON DROLET**  
staff reporter

The Gleneagle senior boys soccer team seems to be back on track after a shaky start this season. They bounced back with a victory against Riverside after 3 straight losses against Centennial, Port Moody and Charles Best.

Two of the three losses were blown leads that ensued after the second half of the game. Commenting on the 4-1 lead that was blown against Centennial, team coach **Frank Abbinante** said "When you're up 4-1 in a game of soccer, they should never be able to come back. That was very discouraging."

"We are practicing hard to show improvement so that we can make it into Fraser Valleys," said Maloufi. With everyone in the league being big rivals, **Cosimo Candeloro**, grade 9, explained his worries, saying, "[it's] hard being new into the team and having to learn so much more."

Abram hopes to "work more on serves and to make the other teams work to get the ball."

"We will keep doing our best and progress into becoming a better team together," said Maloufi.

Much like the Centennial loss, the boys blew a 1-0 lead against Port Moody and eventually gave up the 2-1 goal with two minutes left. Abbinante said "That just lets the air out of your tires." Team captain **Cameron Brock** said that in order to stop blowing these leads the team members need to "play their part and play their position." When asked if the team needed to crack down more defensively he quickly responded saying, "For sure."

Abbinante said "I think discipline is pretty key. Teamwork, and work ethic, I think all these things are good. They're in place but they just need to be more re-defined and maybe a little stronger effort."

# Talons field hockey soars into Fraser Valleys



**Face off for the finals:** Grade 12, is fixated on keeping possession of the ball as she faces off against her Centennial opponent. Gleneagle has qualified for the Fraser Valley championship after defeating Heritage Woods on Tuesday.

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Gleneagle's field hockey team has geared up for Fraser Valley championship by defeating Heritage Woods in the district final on Tuesday, 4 - 2. Previously they advanced to the final by defeating Port Moody in the semi-final, 4-0 last Thursday. Their playoff run caps off a season where they finished first in the league and seventh in the prestigious Bridgeman Cup Tournament in Victoria.

Having defeated Centennial 3-0 in their

final league game earlier in October, the team aims high, hoping to triumph in the Fraser Valley championships and qualify for the provincials.

"I think so far we've done really well. We're undefeated in the [league] so we've been really successful," said co-captain **Sydney Veljacic**, grade 12.

Their great performance in last year's provincials led to the invitation to the distinguished Bridgeman Cup Tournament. There, they won four of six games. Coach **Carol Coulson** said that the tournament gave them a taste of the provincials this year.

"Given what I've seen from the team when we participated in the Bridgeman Tournament...it's realistic for us to think that we could go for top four [at provincials]," she said.

Now, the team seeks to prepare for the upcoming Fraser Valley championships. With the addition of seven new teammates, co-captain **Courtney Zoschke**, grade 12, feels that they have a cohesive, and capable team.

"I think that [the success in Victoria] has partly to do with the chemistry of the team, and we all motivate each other on the field," she said.

Coulson agreed adding that the new play-

ers have "added a lot of depth and character."

Although the players have accomplished a lot in the past few weeks, outside coach **Maureen Macdonald** feels that there is always room for improvement.

"I think what we need to improve on is our passing and moving the ball forward," she said. "Some of the rookies this year need to get a little bit stronger on their stick and they need to learn to keep to the outside and not pass the ball to the middle," Macdonald said.

The Fraser Valley championships take place on October 29 and 30.

## Junior girls volleyball serves up two wins to start season

**MARIE TURCOTT**  
staff reporter

The junior girls volleyball team spiked off the season with two strong wins over Port Moody and Charles Best. The girls fought hard in their October 19 home game against Centennial, and despite the loss, "we'll take it as a learning opportunity so that we can improve for upcoming games," said **Julianna Lee**, grade 10, who plays setter and power.

"I am excited for the rest of the season, and hope to see some overall improvements - like working on communication and getting better hits," said returning player and current captain **Eliza Vagner**, grade 10. "There is always room for improvement."

"We have a strong team, strong enough to make it far if we work hard," said **Olivia Szczepańska**, grade 10. The girls have been calling the ball and getting some good hits in each practice. "Our team has a lot of good chemistry, which led to us winning our games," said **Jessica Nguyen**, grade 10. "We have really good teamwork, and we are very supportive of each other."

"We have a good group," confirms coach **Jeremy Clarke**. "I think their strengths are just the fact that they have done a really good job as a team."

"Our strength is working together - each person has individual strengths, but we have to learn to bring these strengths together as a team," said Vagner. The captain herself has played really well and has taken on the leadership role, according to coach Clarke. "Many of the other girls stepped up as well," he added.

The girls have been really working hard to develop their skills as individuals, and as a team. "They have been listening, and are trying to improve on the things we have talked about," said Clarke. Also, they need to fight through things even when they get down on themselves, but "they're getting better at it."

"Our biggest challenge will be playing Riverside," said Vagner. "But every game will be an obstacle that we will have to overcome." The team is looking forward to and will be practicing hard for their game against Riverside next week.

"I hope we can push them to five games. I would be happy," said Clarke. After that, he

hopes to stay in focus for the playoffs later down the road, and believes that the team has good potential. "When they get to playoffs, they shouldn't think too much about it - just play volleyball," Clarke said.

Although the season is still far from over,

## Swim team dives into action

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The Gleneagle swim team is headed to Fraser Valleys today with a second place finish at the district championship earlier this month. Gleneagle placed second thanks to strong performances from: **Daniel Lu**, grade 11, **Jonathan Zhang**, grade 11, **Austin Brim**, grade 11, **Jacob Christensen**, grade 10, and **Danaka Brown**, grade 10.

The championship consisted of 50 metre length events in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.

Swimmers competed for the best times in each event, and then all of the times were averaged out to create an overall score which determined each school's place.

Clarke shares his aim for the team.

"One of my goals is that when they finish with me and hopefully go on to play seniors next year, they all have the potential to serve overhand and that they can all play the ball well."

The swim team this year has 17 members and is composed of strong, intermediate and beginning swimmers.

When placing the team into events coach **Mark Tustin** says he tries to put more beginner swimmers into relay events with others, while some of the stronger swimmers get placed in the individual events. This way the team can get the best possible times.

At the Fraser Valley championships today in Surrey the Gleneagle swim team will compete with other schools for qualifying spots in the B.C. high school championship.

Tustin says that something that happens to every swim team is that while the stronger swimmers qualify, developing swimmers may not, and while Gleneagle is certain to qualify for the B.C. championship, it's just a matter of how many.



# Gillis shares journey down yellow brick road

**DONYA POURTAGHI**  
staff reporter

At 16, **Jennifer Gillis** has done what most of us hope to accomplish maybe sometime when we're adults.

Coming back from a four month, once in a lifetime adventure, Gillis was doing what she loved while gaining experience for her future endeavours in the process.

Reflecting on her time on **Andrew Lloyd Webber's** *Over the Rainbow*, Gillis had nothing but positive things to say about the amazing opportunity she worked so hard for.

"Honestly, this experience was truly once in a lifetime. I still remain extremely thankful and blessed for such an incredible opportunity to make my dream come true."

Life in Toronto was something new for Gillis, who had to juggle rehearsals, interviews, and school with a working day that started at 5:30 am.

Even though it might have been rough at the beginning, Gillis was quick to adapt. "One day in the third week I actually was on two hours of sleep the day when I performed *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*. I really learned how to take naps throughout the day!" she says.

Gillis also found a way to combat her nerves before the show.

"What really gave me an energy boost and spark right before the live shows was when I went out and met some of the fans that were in the studio audience."

Gillis learned many things during her first experience living away from her family and friends.

"Being away from home and living on my own for four months was definitely a period of time that I'll never forget," she said. "I personally felt that in a sense in made me grow up."

The experience of living with her competitors was a new one as well. Gillis was able to remain grounded and focused despite whatever drama was happening between the other girls.

"I was there for me and I didn't want to let things like that get in the way. I was very reserved and to myself and focused on my dream."



**Jennifer's wall-come home:** The wall of praise and well wishes by fellow classmates and friends of grade 11, Jennifer Gillis. Gillis spent four months in Toronto performing for reality TV's "Over the Rainbow."

The TV world was not what Gillis had assumed it would be, especially concerning the "reality television" aspect to the show.

The choice in almost everything was taken

show, Gillis was never left without a great feeling of support from friends, family, and schoolmates who took time to vote for her.

"Words truly cannot express how grateful

the end it made me stronger," she added.

"When I came back home, after coming from so much negativity and hate, I can't even describe the feeling I had in my heart;

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away from her, from what songs she performed to how she was to perform them.

"I really didn't have control in anything really so everything was out of my hands and I did the best I could with what I was given."

Throughout her entire journey on the

I am to have all of this love and support; it honestly goes so close to my heart," she said.

"During the show everything was just so focused on the other girls and at times I just felt so alone and hard on myself. It was a difficult time for me, although thankfully in

it was something that I'll never ever forget in my entire life. I felt this overwhelming wave of love and warmth and it honestly was so humbling for me," she said. "From the yellow brick wall, to the posters, the pep rally, to everything. It truly made me realize that there is no place like home."

## Crowd entertained as bands "blow and sing out the dust"

**KRISTINA ENG**  
staff reporter

Gleneagle's music department took the stage Wednesday night for the fifteenth annual fall concert. The bands and choirs performed a variety of music.

However, none of the songs contained a Halloween theme. **Edward Trovato**, music teacher said, "There's not much for Halloween. Well, we have spooky stuff. A bit of spooky stuff, like that second movement of *Canterbury Tales* is kind of spooky. In a way it's kind of eerie."

Before the concert Trovato said, "The audience is always great 'cause it's mostly filled with family and friends, so the audience is always really warm and wonderful."

As he predicted, the seats were made up of the many performers' parents and friends, who despite their busy schedules, took time from their evenings to support members of the music department.

The concert began with a performance by the junior band as the first show for the grade 9 students.

"There's quite a few beginners this year actually when I think about it," said Trovato. This semester has been the first time learn-

ing a new instrument for some students. They have practiced and learned the basics being well into rehearsal mode since September's end.

For the grade 12's, it was the last autumn performance for students in senior band.

**Scott Lee**, grade 12 is involved with all Gleneagle's music groups and is proud of their success.

"I feel like in terms of the musical groups . . . the jazz band has a really good grasp on the music. Vocal jazz as well," Lee said. As he anticipated, the crowd was blown away by the strong lively beats and dynamic ensembles.

Song choices for choir and vocal jazz had the audience at the edge of their seats with singers such as **Sarah Lee**, grade 10 extremely excited.

*Fields of Gold* by STING was showcased by the choir as it was sung in acappella for the whole group.

"It's really, really cool," said **Cassidy Stahr**, grade 10 as she speaks of her favourite song.

Listeners were taken back by the amazing arrangement of songs and spot on harmonies by the vocal groups. Their voices got the crowd moving with the melody.

This year's music groups are continuing

the tradition of a strong music program at Gleneagle.

Previously the music department won the Sweepstakes Award when they competed in the Saint Festival in New York.

This year, students will travel down to California for another competitive performance.

"They're going to be competing at the Heritage Music Festival in California," said Trovato.

A meeting has already been held with the music students discussing their upcoming spring break field trip.

With the fall concert so early in the year, the event ignited a fire for a reason to practice.

"My nickname for it is Blow and Sing Out the Dust concert," said Trovato.

"You know, because the instruments have been collecting dust all summer so blow and sing the dust out."

New and old students have been preparing for this concert together since the end of September.

Past members returned for a variety of reasons ranging from wanting to develop further as a musician, to simply a passion for music.

Encouraged by Trovato's motivational speeches, tests, and snacks, the bands came together for a night of appreciation to music and Gleneagle's talented students.

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