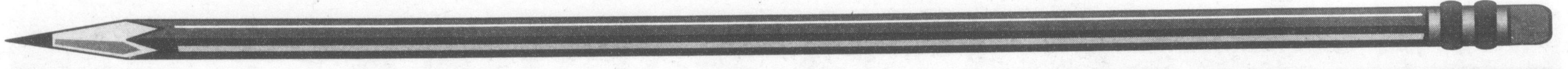


HIGH SCHOOL REPORT



"MUSTANG MESSENGER"



Megan Cheema



Harbi Natt



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MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Hopefully everyone had an amazing Christmas, a kickin' New Years, and have already managed to get right back into the swing of school life! The Messenger is finally back and it's already time for the last edition of the semester!

Taking a walking down the halls, all you see are puffy-eyed students desperately trying to get those summative projects in while trying to study for those exams. With in-class exams taking place today and tomorrow, followed by formal exams Thursday through Monday, students are counting down the days before it's all over. In the mean time, if you haven't already, get your heads into those books!

Thankfully, to relieve some of the stress, students have tons to look forward to in February! Firstly, the S.A.A. has organized a trip to see the Toronto Raptors in action at the Air Canada Centre on February 14th. What a treat it would be to go see a basketball game with some friends on Valentine's Day? If you're interested, be sure to pick up a permission form from the office and bring your forms in money ASAP because seating is limited!

If you can't make it to the Raptors game, why not check out our own Junior Mustangs battle it out in the playoffs? The boys have been practicing hard, and their hard work all season has landed them in the playoffs. Nicely done, boys!

I don't want to get too ahead of ourselves, but it's never too early to get pumped for the annual Semi-Formal! This much anticipated event is set to take place on February 23rd, which is just about a month away. The students are already a buzz planning outfits and dates and the whole shebang. Details and tickets will be available very shortly after the exam break. It is sure to be one of the highlights of the year!

As the year passes the mid-way point, it's already time for the grade eights from our feeder schools to start making the transition into high school. Last Thursday evening, the school opened its doors to the parents and students who will be attending MD next year. It was a great way to make the parents and students aware of all the amazing experiences and courses MD has to offer. The evening was made successful by an excellent turnout from the parents and the hard work of the staff involved. At MD we try the very best to make this transition as smooth as possible, and there will be many more visits in the near future as we welcome the newcomers.

In the meantime, make sure not to cram too hard! Take lots of breaks, get some well-deserved sleep, and remember that it will be over soon. Have an awesome break, and we shall see you on the flip side!

"DATELINE DRURY"



Ashley Carlisle



Michelle Staples



Stephen Jackson

E.C. DRURY HIGH SCHOOL

Unfortunately, we have very little in the way of news to report to our dedicated readers. These last few weeks have been pretty rough on all of us here at Drury. We've been bombarded with summative assignments, reports, seminars, essays, presentations, unit tests, and readings, all due before the end of semester and our final examinations. (ERLACK!) All of the students are in mayhem trying to get all of this complete, plus live up to their commitments (heh, such as writing this column...) Well, all of us, save the wrestlers, who get to party it up in Ottawa at the Canadian International Festival. (We're not bitter, honest!)

The wrestlers now have a fantastic start to their year. Alan Moffat, Kevin Iwasa-Madge and Michael McClelland won gold, and Moffat was also named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler. In Thorold, Marcus Green won gold, bringing more glory to the Drury Wrestling tradition. Great job, boys!

Other than that, there's practically nothing else to say, so we thought we'd take this opportunity to present you with:

THE PETITION TO ALLEVIATE THE STRESS AND OVERALL CRUMMINESS OF THE CURSE THAT IS FINAL EXAMINATIONS

(It was originally going to be "The petition to revoke the addition of final examinations to the school curriculum", but then we realized it wouldn't fly with the school board.)

The following are our fantasy demands:

Exams are postponed until April, 2009.

All exams must take place between the hours of 1pm and 3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, no exceptions.

All examinations will be open book tests, and teachers will be allowed to answer any questions students ask.

All students who come to the exam and write their names on their tests will receive a minimum of 97%.

3 mandatory breaks of 15 minutes will be instituted, in which students may get up, chat with each other, use the washrooms, or other such stress relieving activities.

Free snacks and drinks will be available throughout the examination period (paid for by administration). There will also be a punch fountain installed in every examination room.

As it has been proven, classical music helps students to work better. But who needs plain old classical when you can play Classic Rock! Good old rock music from the 70s will be played throughout the school during examinations with heavy emphasis placed on ACDC and Bob Marley.

There will be an optional intermission, during which students can observe a free show put on by cancan dancers.

3 words: FREE INTERNET ACCESS

And, requested by Lauren Ground, one question on each exam will be regarding either the videogame Kingdom Hearts 2 or Devil May Cry.

We are sure these measures will help to vastly improve the final marks of all E. C. Drury Students and greatly reduce their stress levels during the weeks to come. Now all we need is the signature of the principal, which we are sure we will have no problem with at all.

"THE ROYAL REPORT"



Erin Hetherington



Lindsay Johnston



Julia Riddell

BISHOP REDING HIGH SCHOOL

With this being the second year that your Inside Sources have been writing the Royal Report, many topics have been discussed in detail. Sports, exams, clubs, holidays, field trips, extra special teachers, hard working students and exciting events have all been covered in this column; however, one important thing has not. This untouched topic is a huge part of our society, being both a major form of communication and entertainment. Its messages define our society and daily behaviour, and its content often causes great controversy. This subject stirs extreme emotions of either love or hate- this subject is films.

Many of the films that are viewed by the general public are centered around mindless bloodshed or unrealistic views of romance. They expose the children of our society to violence that has been scientifically proven to make children more aggressive both in childhood and through adulthood. For a detailed explanation of this issue, please see <http://www.commercialalert.org/huesmann.pdf>. Despite a plethora of study on the subject, many people still choose to ignore the truth. It is easier to live in ignorance than to admit the truth and therefore be forced to change one's behaviour.

It is very rare that a film can address humankind's tendency to ignore truth in order to resist change, while still being informative and entertaining. In Al Gore's *The Inconvenient Truth*, proof of human's negative impact upon the earth is articulated with intelligence and passion. Mr. Gore eloquently discusses the current environment crisis of global warming, and explains precisely what each person can do to fix this problem.

Mr. Gore mentions that a very effective pathway to solve environmental issues is to elect politicians who care about the environment. It seems to this Inside Source that humankind is putting the profit of big businesses over the state of our very planet, which will eventually lead to the destruction of humankind. It is up to our generation to stop burning fossil fuels, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and put strict restrictions on the impact of industry on the earth.

If any readers of the Royal Report have not seen this powerful movie, consider it highly recommended. Not only is it informative, but it conveys the message that one person can make all the difference. The idea that the actions of one person will not affect the earth as a whole is a common misconception with which this writer strongly disagrees. Each time a person recycles, carpools, buys energy efficient appliances, plants a tree, invests in companies that design fossil-fuel alternatives or pressures large companies to reduce their environmental impact, he or she is making a positive change that will shape our earth.

As humans, we no longer have the luxury of ignorance. If we would like our earth to be here for future generations, we must stop pretending the problem does not exist, and stop projecting it upon others. Individually, you and I are the earth's only hope.

PREPARE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD.

Next Course: February 3, 10, 17, 24
9:30am to 4:15pm

March 12, 13, 14, 15
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