

Morgan caps stellar year as Springers' top athlete

Club names Gwillam new head coach

Celena Morgan punctuated an already highly-decorated season with one more piece of hardware.

Based on the strength of her history-making performance this past spring in Grimsby — where she became the club's first-ever gymnast to secure overall gold at the provincial championships — the 11-year-old took Athlete of the Year honours at the Springers' recent year-end banquet.

Sharing the honour at Milton's Invitational team level was fellow 11-year-old Allie Schmidt, who delivered a number of topnotch efforts throughout the 2006/07 campaign.

Heather Sadler received the Vicki Chlischczyk Award as the most dedicated gymnast, while the Performance Award went to Lindsay Bright. Both stood out at the 11-year-old Level 6 ranks.

The club's new award for outstanding leadership was given to seasoned Springer Brittany Schrader. Jordyn Harper's peers named her Teammate of the Year.

Also of note was the recent announcement that longtime Springer

Shannon Gwillam will be taking over for retired head coach Janet Campbell.

A fixture at the club since the mid '80s — when she began in the parent and tot program — the 24-year-old has been coaching both the pre-competitive and inter-club teams for about five years now and looks forward to taking the overall helm.

Her excitement, however, is tempered with a heavy heart regarding her lifelong coach's departure.

"As a member of the Springers since 1985 I'm thrilled to be selected for the position of head coach, although it feels bittersweet to say goodbye to Janet, who has been my coach, mentor and friend."

Campbell pointed out that in addition to her established track record with the club, Gwillam has completed, with honours, the Community Outreach and Development program at Sheridan College, which should offer her insight into the not-for-profit arena — which the Springers fall

under.

Added longtime coach and executive member Linda Massel, "The club is in somewhat of a rebuilding period, and we're excited about Shannon developing with us and the club developing under her."



Celena Morgan



Shannon Gwillam

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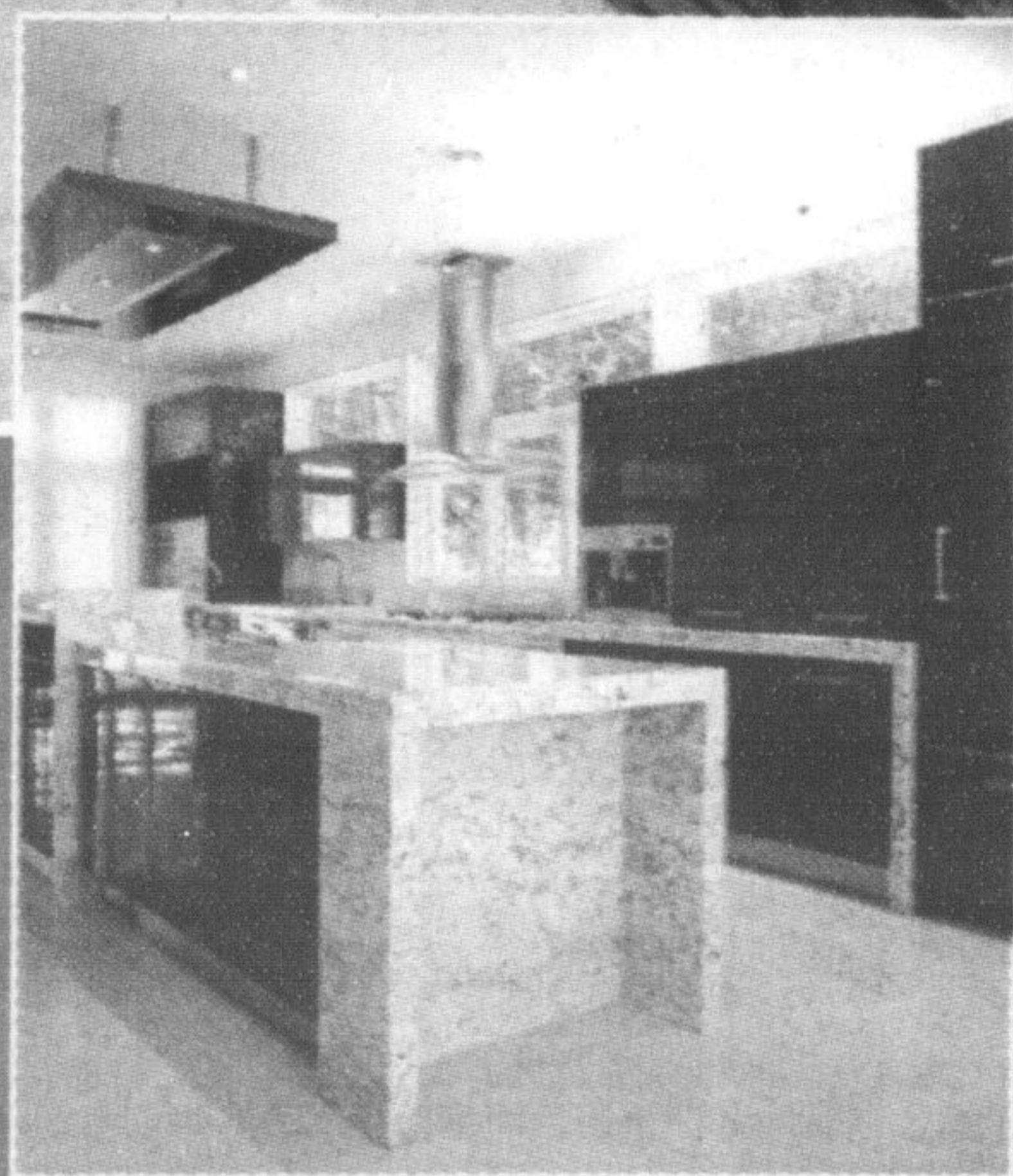
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