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"Girl Next Door"

Lourie loves snow

By JIM THOMAS

Natives of Whitechurch-Stouffville would dearly love to spend the winter in Montego Bay.

Lourie Rose, a native of Montego Bay, enjoys spending her winters in Markham. She loves the snow.

Lourie, 16, (she'll be 17 Dec. 20), is a Grade 12 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

She's our "Girl Next Door."

Lourie was only five when her parents, Clifton and Greta Rose came to Canada. She has two brothers, Alwyn and Gordon, and a sister, Simone. They reside on Graham Crescent, moving to Markham from Kitchener. Mr. Rose owns Color Your World at Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road.

Lourie is a girl with dreams.

She dreams of sky-diving. She dreams of riding dirt bikes. She dreams of excellence in karate and skill in playing the drums. She dreams of many things.

She describes herself as "just average."

But her friends will argue she's proficient in everything.

She plays the drums in the S.D.S.S. band. She's signed up with a Scarborough marching band. She plans to enroll in a course on self-defence. She participates in inter-mural sports; she enjoys downhill skiing; she's a cashier at Byway and she helps out when needed at her father's store.

Lourie has returned to Jamaica several times. She has also visited the Caribbean Islands and Florida. Some day, she's hopes to holiday in Europe.

Lourie enjoys her association with S.D.S.S. and her close circle of friends. Travelling to and from Stouffville by bus presents no problems, she says.

Biology's her favorite subject.

Lourie enjoys playing in the band. She's loud in her praise of co-drummer Paul Rochester, calling him "exceptional".

Her close circle of friends also includes Brad Watling of Glengall Lane, Stouffville. They first met when she was in Grade 9.

High School News

Basketball — where tall boys grow taller

By JEFF CARNEY

S.D.S.S. Reporter — Another Monday morning at S.D.S.S. Senior students are drinking coffee by the gallon (or litre, for those of you who are metrically inclined) as they vainly struggle to wake up, while the juniors are excitedly comparing exaggerated stories about the "Big Dance" on Friday night. Both groups are, however, equally shocked at the fact that it is Monday ALREADY, and despite the heroic efforts of Student Council President Duff Wallis and his Morning Announcement Crew, groans, grumbings, and yawns are everywhere as S.D.S.S. reluctantly shuffles to first class.

The day crawls by at its usually languorous pace, until 3:15 when the student body, utterly exhausted after the days trial, summons that last reserve of energy to make it from their lockers to the buses.

But hark? What sound over yonder gymnasium breaks? It is that of the basketball... and yes folks, it is that time of year again when tall students are solicited by eager coaches, short students are reminded of just how short they are, and cries of "She's Basketball Boys!" can be heard everywhere!

Yes, its basketball season once again, and staff and students alike are enthusiastically supporting the Senior and Junior Boys teams---and with good cause.

The Senior squad, despite dropping their home opener to a powerful Aurora team (whose average height per player was a monstrous 6'3"!) shows promising potential under the capable and talented leadership of coach Dave Connell, centre Darren Montgomery and guard Greg Tarr.

The Junior squad is also showing outstanding potential. Losing

their first match, in what coach Jim Fletcher described as "a heartbreaker," 40-39 to a talented Aurora squad, the juniors were not to be denied in their second game against Brother Andre Catholic School, soundly defeating them 53-36.

"I am very optimistic about our boys chances this year. We've got the best Junior team that S.D.S.S. has seen in years, and I will be very surprised if they don't finish within the Region's top five," said Coach Fletcher.

Centre stars Dave Smiley and Tom Letkeman echoed Fletcher's enthusiasm. "We're AWE-SOME!!!" they boastingly agreed, "We're gonna do some major scoring damage this season!"

We'll hold you to that, guys! So to both boys basketball teams, good luck. You've awakened sleeping S.D.S.S., and have us on the edge of our seats.



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