



**SELKIRK COLLEGE**



**FALL semester 2007**

# Editor's Page



**A special thanks to the newspaper class members for all their hard work:** Cherry, Hitomi, Jin-Hee, Ji-Young, DisSpike, Sunny, Manuela, Yi-Seul, Shana and Claudie-Anne

At the start, the newspaper team discussed about the kind of theme we wanted for this semester's "What's Up?" newspaper. Of course, we thought about nature, peace, friends, the environment and multiculturalism. But finally we chose multiculturalism for a subject. For us this subject was obviously the one that represents this semester because in the international program we didn't just learn English, we also learned about the culture and traditions of many countries. Everybody agreed that it was an important part of this autumn and a wonderful experience.

All semester long, we worked hard, covered every activity and collected pictures from everyone. We had a lot of fun during our newspaper class and tried our best to give you a great newspaper. Sometimes we were tired, but at the end we always found the energy to continue and give the best of ourselves.

In my opinion, I enjoyed this semester more than I thought it would be possible. I worked with a wonderful team and it's something I will remember for a long time.

Editor: Claudie-Anne Fortin

**Extra special thanks to** Stéphanie, Terry, Will, Sabina, Elvis, Jinny, Ryan and Marie who helped us during the semester.



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## Individual Picture Introduction

For the individual picture pages, the students were all asked a series of questions. We then wrote the answers in the following basic order:

1. Name
2. Country of Origin
3. Birth date
4. What are your future plans?
5. What is your life motto?
6. What is your favorite food?
7. What do you like to do in your freetime?



# Individual Picture Pages

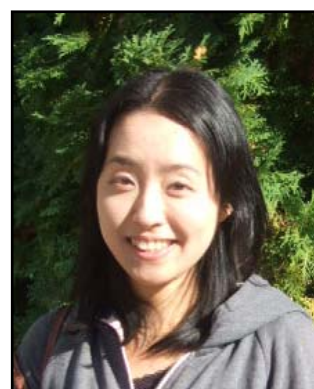
## Adam Lavoie-Coutu

Quebec, Canada  
 March 16<sup>th</sup>  
 To have a lot of money  
 Poutine, Pate chinois  
 Hockey,  
 Refereeing hockey



## Ai Omura / Ai

Japan  
 July 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Working at a hotel  
 "You can if you think you can"  
 Ice cream  
 Reading books



## Akiko Horie / Akiko

Japan  
 December 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Live peacefully  
 Maple cookies  
 Traveling, Tennis  
 TESOL

## Anthony Roy / Tony Boy

Quebec, Canada  
 June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Lawyer or Politician  
 "Nothing is impossible"  
 Seafood  
 Soccer, Reading



## Benioit Bigue / Ben

Quebec, Canada  
 January 30  
 Journalist for sportsnet  
 "No pain, No gain"  
 Pizza, Pasta  
 Hockey, Snowboarding



## Brenda Woolner

BC, Canada  
 May 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Teaching somewhere  
 "One day at a time"  
 Pal Thai  
 TESOL



## Chieri Shimabukuro / Cherry Chu-Chun Hong / Ryan

Japan  
 March 25<sup>th</sup>  
 "Que sera sera"  
 Pancakes  
 Watching movies

Hong Kong  
 September 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Flight attendant  
 "Be honest to yourself"  
 All kinds of food  
 Taking pictures, Swimming



# Individual Picture Pages

## Claudie-Anne Fortin

Quebec, Canada  
 May 18<sup>th</sup>  
 work in the health field  
 "Always keep smiling!"  
 Spaghetti & Pizza  
 Sports, Learning Korean



## Chui King Tse / Betsy

Hong Kong  
 March 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Be a rich woman  
 "Happy~ it's party time"  
 Sushi- actually whatever  
 Sleep and Daydream



## Doo-San Baek

Korea  
 January 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Be a good husband  
 "No pain, No gain"  
 Spicy food  
 Studying

## Eri Suzuki / Eri

Japan  
 April 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Own a business  
 "Enjoy life!"  
 Mango, Thai food  
 Traveling



## Eric Limwany Mooto

Zambia  
 May 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Civic engineering  
 "To be the best"  
 Zambian foods  
 Drawing, Basketball



## Erika Akiyama

Japan  
 January 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Nutritionist or Dietian  
 "A once in a life time  
 Chance"  
 Tofu, Gozen  
 Traveling, Dancing



## Eun-Ju Cho / Julie

Korea  
 August 25<sup>th</sup>  
 A flight attendant  
 "Life is short, enjoy life"  
 Korean noodles  
 TESOL

## Felix Man

Hong Kong  
 May 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Working in the hotel  
 "Money is important"  
 My mom food  
 Soccer, Gambling, Snooker



# Individual Picture Pages

Gillian Smith / Gilly-bean

Ontario Canada  
 April 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Teaching over seas  
 "Don't get stuck in the mud"  
 Bananas  
 Art  
 TESOL



Hannie Andrea Saavedra Dinamarca

Chile  
 August 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Chilean food  
 Reading, Watching movies.



Haruka Araki

Japan  
 June 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Working in Japan  
 "Enjoying what I want to do"  
 Chocolate, Cream soup  
 Reading

Hee-Jung Choi / Rachel

Korea  
 March 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Flight attendant  
 "Slow and steady wins the race"  
 All kinds of food  
 Reading magazines



Hitomi Ichiro / Joe

Japan  
 July 26<sup>th</sup>  
 To spend my whole life  
 in Japan  
 Time free  
 Japanese noodles  
 Watching baseball



Hiu-Yi Ip / Shirley

Hong Kong  
 June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Successful business woman  
 "To be nice"  
 Japanese food  
 Reading magazines



Hoiki Szeto / Christy

Hong Kong  
 August 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Magazine editor  
 "In everything, do your best"  
 Sushi  
 Shopping, Dancing

Ho-Wa Chong / Tony

Macau  
 July 1<sup>st</sup>  
 I want to be a physicist  
 "Be yourself"  
 Ice cream  
 Watching movies



# Individual Picture Pages

## Hyun-Jin Jo / Jinny

Korea  
December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Teacher  
Rice  
Reading something



## Jae-Young Hu / Jade

Korea  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sports marketing experts  
"If you can't avoid something, enjoy it"  
All kinds of seafood & bread  
Swimming, Scuba diving



## Ji-Young Kim

Korea  
November 25<sup>th</sup>  
"What goes around,  
comes around"  
Every foods  
Listening music

## Jin-Hee Yoo

Korea  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Flight attendant  
"Enjoy my life"  
Kimchi  
Taking pictures



## Joe Li

China  
November 17<sup>th</sup>  
Businessman  
"Never give up"  
Pizza and vegetable  
Fishing and any sport



## Jun-Ho Song / Spikey / DisSpike

Korea  
November 20<sup>th</sup>  
Gaming design programmer  
"Enjoy right now"  
Korean food  
Snowboarding



## Josh Chambers

BC, Canada  
June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Take over the world  
"How's everyone supposed  
to know, how sweet you  
are , if you don't tell them"  
Anything food  
TESOL

## Jung-Eun Lee / Michelle

Korea  
April 5<sup>th</sup>  
English teacher  
"No pain, no gain"  
Korean food  
Swimming, Reading



# Individual Picture Pages

## Kuang-Yu Cheng / Terry

Taiwan  
September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Business  
"Where there's a will  
there's a way"  
Fried rice  
Basketball



## Kenichi Tokuzato / Ken

Japan  
July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Having my own family  
"To be happy"  
Every food  
Playing the guitar



## Leola Knight

BC, Canada  
September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Teaching English  
around the world  
"Live, Love, Laugh"  
Falafels and Salad  
TESOL

## Lei Kuan Ho / Lei

Macao  
August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Business Woman  
"no pain, no gain"  
Spicy food  
Lying on bed...maybe sleeping



## Lee Anne Lawrence

BC, Canada  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"We can do anything  
we set our mind too."  
Sushi  
Almost any sport  
TESOL



## Marie Carr

BC, Canada  
July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Teaching English somewhere  
"Smile! You're on a  
great adventure"  
Anything anyone  
cooks for me  
TESOL



## Marc-Andre Plante / Bob

Quebec, Canada  
June 28<sup>th</sup>  
NHL referee  
"No fear, drink beer"  
A&W restaurant food  
Hockey, reading,  
studying

## Marco Andreas Kraettli

Switzerland  
February 27<sup>th</sup>  
Study bus. Admin.  
Wenn, denn richtig  
Rosti  
Snowboarding

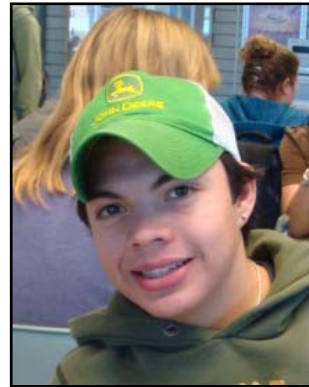




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## Mariko Yamazaki / Mariko

Japan  
June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Accounting  
"Time is money"  
Kimchi  
Study abroad



## Martin Quintero

Mexico  
July 21<sup>st</sup>  
Lawyer or Musician  
"Be myself and be happy"  
Italian food  
Playing violin and piano



## Manuela Tschuemperlin

Switzerland  
February 16<sup>th</sup>  
Graphic artist  
Lasagna  
"Vegetarians eat the food  
of my food away!"  
Snowboarding, volleyball

## Miwa Sugino Rich / Miwa

Japan  
January 12<sup>th</sup>  
"Live day by day. Each day  
is special"  
Coffee & Muffins  
Snowboarding  
TESOL



## Man Ying Wong / Siu Ying

Hong Kong  
April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Working & Studying  
"Be Cheerful"  
Cheese cake  
Photo-sticks, Sleeping



## Munetaka Iino / Taka

Japan  
September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Ski  
"No snow, no life"  
Beer  
Ski, ski ,ski

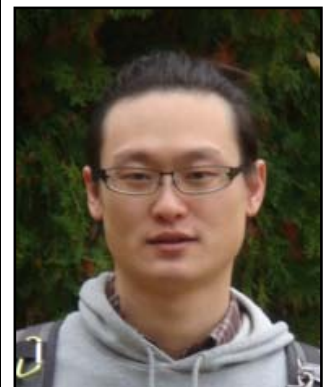


## Mun-Gu Lee / Moong

Korea  
February 8<sup>th</sup>  
Owner of an electric company  
Enjoy and have a positive mind  
Sam-Gyub-Sal (Pork)  
Playing soccer and games

## Myeong-Goo Kang / M.G

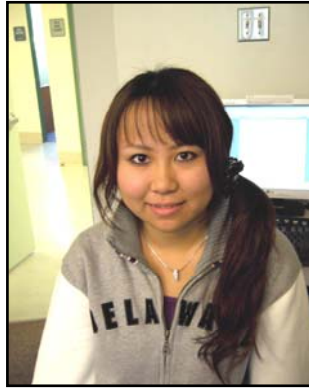
Korea  
September 16<sup>th</sup>  
Sleep as much as possible  
Enjoy whenever I have a chance  
(Hobby) Killing time



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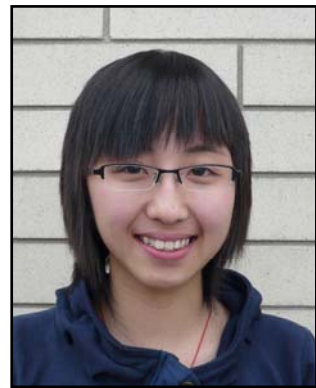
## Misaki Kuriyama/ Misa

Japan  
 August 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Working in the  
 hospitality industry  
 "Challenge everything"  
 Cheese cake  
 Dancing, Listening to  
 music



## Miki Nakazato / Miki

Japan  
 Dec 9<sup>th</sup>  
 I'll be having fun  
 "No music, no life"  
 Fish foods  
 Digital Art and Design



## Ming-Yan Li / Rachel

China  
 September 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Become a nurse  
 "It is possible to do anything"  
 Chinese foods, Ice cream  
 Walking, Watching movies

## Mayu Abe / Mayu

Japan  
 March 9<sup>th</sup>  
 "Drinking on Friday"  
 Beer  
 Drinking



## Mayu Goto / Mayu

Japan  
 January 10<sup>th</sup>  
 "Have hopes!"  
 Teriyaki  
 Speaking and Learning  
 English, Korean and  
 French



## Mami Sugimoto

Japan  
 March 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Enjoying my life  
 "Believe in me"  
 Natto, Shushi, Korean food  
 Singing, Swimming

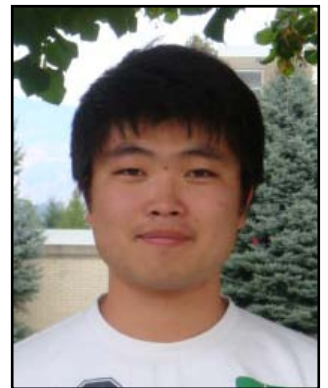


## Minami Watanabe

Japan  
 January 5<sup>th</sup>  
 "A Good day, every day"  
 Chocolate, Japanese foods  
 Shopping, Swimming,  
 Karaoke

## Min-Cheol Kim / Dean

Korea  
 January 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Engineer  
 "Do it by myself"  
 All of the Korean food  
 Soccer, table tennis



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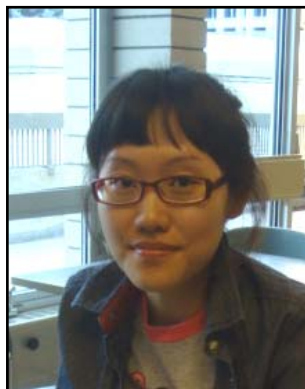
## Min Hui Lee

Korea  
February 14<sup>th</sup>  
English teacher  
"I've decided to be happy"  
Reading books  
TESOL



## Min-Jung Kim / Julia

Korea  
February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Teaching in school  
"Nothing ventured,  
nothing gained"  
Italian foods  
Reading fashion  
magazines

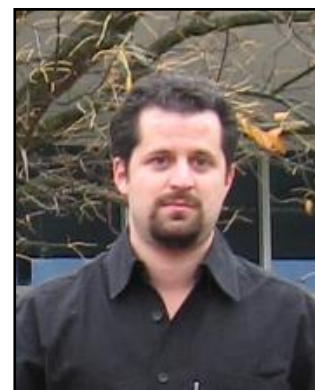


## Naomi Onizawa

Japan  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Working for a foreign Affiliated Company  
and traveling  
Pasta  
Shopping, Listening to music

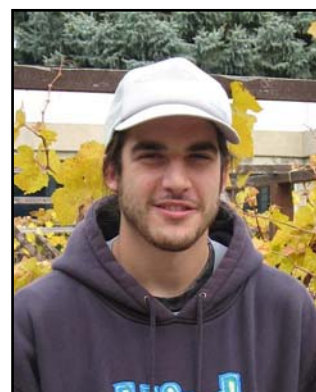
## Pablo Pastor

Honduras  
June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Leading an insurgent  
"Every rule has an exception"  
Italian, Mexican, Japanese  
Perma culture, Music,  
Reading  
TESOL



## Peter Hudson

Ontario, Canada  
June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ideally I will be teaching  
"Sleep when you're dead"  
Pizza  
Used to be sporty  
TESOL



## Sabina Landolt

Switzerland  
June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Sports instructor  
"When you have the will,  
you will find a way to do it"  
Pasta, Italian food  
Climbing, Snowboarding



## Sara Markin

BC, Canada  
May 8<sup>th</sup>  
"Second place is the first loser"  
Mexican, Frozen grapes  
Sports  
TESOL

## Seung-Hyun Nam / Sunny

Korea  
November 20<sup>th</sup>  
To work in the government  
"Do your best at this moment"  
Korean food  
Watching romantic Movies



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## Seung-Ok Baek / Samuel

Korea  
 July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 To work for a public corporation  
 "Slow and steady wins the race"  
 All kinds of Korean foods  
 Reading news papers



## Sin-Kei Ng / Senica

Hong Kong  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 English teacher  
 "Impossible is nothing"  
 Mango, Pudding  
 Playing sports, Cooking



## Soo-Yeon Park / Sue

Korea  
 July 8<sup>th</sup>  
 I want to be an interpreter  
 "Study hard"  
 Korean food  
 Listening to music

## Sum Yee Lau / Emily

Hong Kong  
 July 28<sup>th</sup>  
 manage a hotel  
 "Work hard, Play harder"  
 Japanese, Thai food  
 Thai Boxing, Playing the guitar



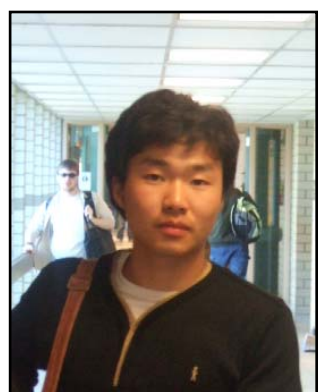
## Stephanie Thivierge

Quebec, Canada  
 September 10<sup>th</sup>  
 "Be always happy"  
 Chinese food  
 Drawing, Writing,  
 Creating something



## Skyler Vale Chiurka / Sky

Ontario, Canada  
 March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 To teach English in japan  
 "Everything happens for a reason"  
 Vegetarian  
 TESOL



## Tae-Jun Lee

Korea  
 February 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Good father  
 "I can do it"  
 Dduck-Bok-Gi (Spicy rice cake)  
 Playing soccer

## Weng-Seng Chang / Elvis

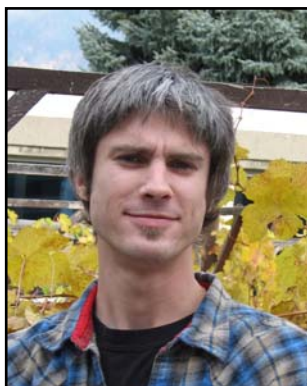
Macau  
 September 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Finish ESL program,  
 take UT courses  
 "One false step brings everlasting grief"  
 Seafood, all Chinese food  
 Basketball, Reading



# Individual Picture Pages

## Will Taylor

Maine, USA  
November 9<sup>th</sup>  
To be teaching English  
"Shralp the gnarl!"  
Snowboarding, painting  
TESOL



## Yen-Li Haung / Leli

Taiwan  
January 14<sup>th</sup>  
Noodles  
Sleeping, Playing  
Computers

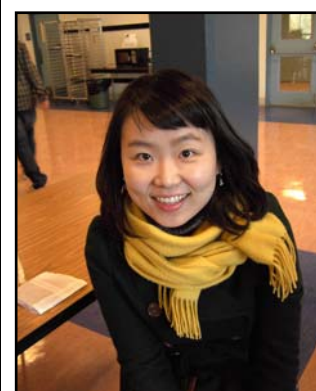


## Yeong-In Park / Clara

Korea  
May 19<sup>th</sup>  
"I don't lie"  
Bulgogi

## Yunmi Kim / Nicole

Korea  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Work in hospitality service  
"Always be happy"  
Kimchi  
Listening to music



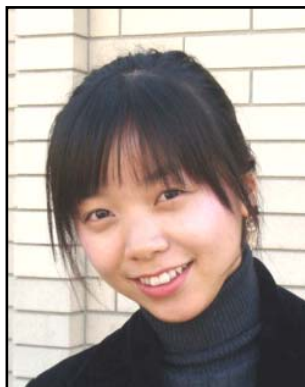
## Yu Teng Hsu / Victor

Taiwan  
April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Study college and transfer  
university  
"Sure not to believe your  
own willpower"  
Chinese food



## Yi-Seul Hwang / Dew

Korea  
July 19<sup>th</sup>  
Designer  
"Don't miss your chance"  
Every food  
Drawing, Taking pictures,  
Sports



## Yun-Ming Chang / William

Taiwan  
July 16<sup>th</sup>  
To travel to my favorite  
countries  
"Just do it!"  
Sushi, Steamed fish,  
Chinese food  
Reading international news



# MIR Centre for Peace

## MIR Centre for Peace Opening

September 21, 2007 (International Peace Day) was the grand opening of the Mir Centre for Peace at Selkirk College. Mir is the Russian word for peace... and also 'the world.' The college now has a "Peace Studies" program available through the college and the Mir Centre.



The vision for the Mir Centre is to bring together people for discussion, education and reflection on how to create 'cultures of peace' that will transform our world.

The Mir Centre is built on land that was inhabited by First Nations people and then the Doukhobors. The creators of the centre are attempting to blend important concepts for peace and reconciliation from these traditions as they create the centre.



The centre is housed in an old Doukhobor communal home. Each brick is from the original building. All the bricks were removed, cleaned and then reused in the renovated building. A beautiful metaphor of taking the old, crumbling pieces of the past and constructing something beautiful with them

After the afternoon events at the Mir site, many members of the community attended a presentation by Stephen Lewis on "Human Rights, Social Justice and Communities of Peace".





By Hitomi

On Sep. 22, 2007, 11 wonderful students met Ashley (canoe instructor and driver) and West (driver) at 10:00 a.m. to go canoeing on Nancy Green Lake. It was really cold, cloudy, and windy day. The sun only came out briefly, so we needed



to bundle up in warm jackets. The trip took 30 minutes from Castlegar to Nancy Green Lake by car.



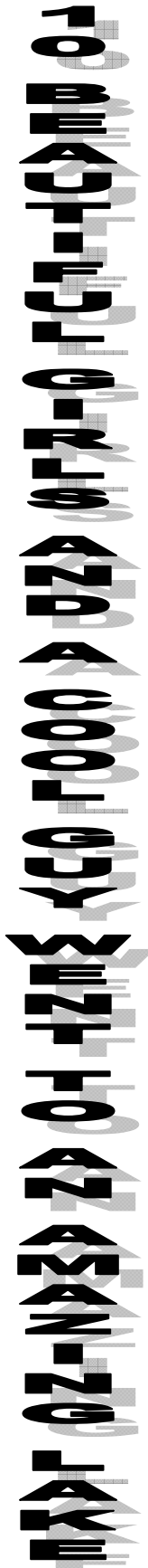
When we arrived at Nancy Green Lake, we felt the cold clean air. We carried the 8 canoes from the trailer to the lake. Four people had to carry each canoe to the lake shore. They were so heavy for us, so sometimes we had a rest. Ashley then, explained how to canoe and gave us life jackets.



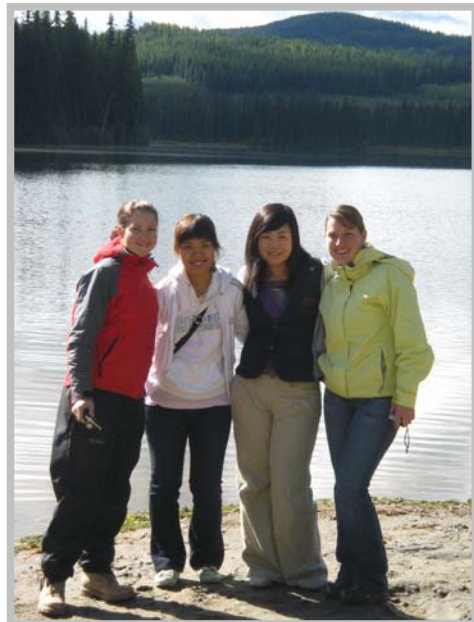
**Pointers for canoeing:**

- When you canoe, you must wear a life jacket.
- When you canoe, you must bring a bailing bucket in each canoe.
- When you paddle, use your whole body because your arms quickly become tired.
- When you get in a canoe, keep your balance.
- Don't stand up in a canoe.

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We practiced getting in the canoes, and paddled around. At the first, we couldn't handle it well, but we became better slowly over time.



This lake was absolutely silent; we could only hear the sound of the paddle. It felt a little eerie. When I looked beneath the water, there were a lot of weeds and logs, but the beauty the mountains were reflected in its clear surface. I felt at one with nature. It was an amazing memory for me. Canoeing is great and exciting. If I have the opportunity to go canoeing next year, I will absolutely go again.



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Castlegar, BC, Canada





# Catch the Opportunity!! Hit the ball!!

**-Golf lessons at Selkirk College-  
By Spike**

200 years ago, "Golf" was noble sports. However, at present, golf is not just a sport



anymore. It is a good opportunity to succeed in your job and to make friends. Look at the people

of high status such as "Bill Gates" (The president of a Microsoft). He is also a good golfer. But how much does it cost to learn how to play golf? It is never cheap. Therefore, the golf program at Selkirk College is a good chance to learn how to play golf. This program offer 4 lessons and one 9 holes game for only \$70.



- The first lesson -



The golf lessons were very popular with the students. Most students wanted to learn how to play, but price is a big deal every time. Therefore, this opportunity was a pretty good chance to learn and make new



friends from other countries.

Michelle wanted to learn how to play golf. She said, "Usually in Korea, we can't learn how to play, because it's too expensive." Now, she is satisfied with her golf lessons, but she said, "I want more lessons, because once a week is not enough chance for me." On this point, she wanted more time to play. On the other hand, she also said, "The golf teacher was so kind and good at teaching. I loved the greens, the grass and people who I met at the golf club."



Golf lessons at Selkirk College are something I hope all students should have an opportunity to try and develop your ability for your future.



# Sport Activities



What's Up?

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Castlegar, BC, Canada



# The International Soccer Team

After school started, a lot of activities were proposed on the campus. One of them was the soccer. My friends and I love soccer, so we decided to sign up for the intramural soccer. We've had a lot of fun playing together at lunch time. During first games, the teams against us won many times. But finally, near the end of the soccer tournament our international team won! It was mainly because the soccer pros coming from everywhere around the world helped us. Everyone thought it was a pleasant activity to do together

*By Claudie-Anne Fortin*



## Tennis Tennis



During this fall semester, there were two extra sports activities opened. Tennis is one of them. In the ESL program, 5 students --Jade, Samuel, Sue, Sunny and Martin applied for it. For three times in September, we learned how to play tennis as beginners. Students learned the correct pose to grab the tennis racket and how to hit the tennis ball. The instructor live in downtown Castlegar. Although he was over 70, he was able to play the tennis better than any of the younger students. Sometimes Samuel and Martin hit the ball much too strongly, so some of tennis balls went over the fence. Sometimes Cherry and Hitomi watched our tennis lessons. Cherry said, "It was interesting to watch you playing the tennis. I want to learn how to play the tennis next semester.."

As the weather became colder, we had some difficulties in playing tennis , so the tennis lessons were canceled at the end of the semester. Through this lesson, students began to understand tennis better. They said that they would like to learn more tennis in the future if they have other opportunities. *By Sunny*





# Volleyball Trip to Victoria/Nanaimo

by Manuela Tschuemperlin

It was four o'clock in the morning as my alarm started to ring. "Damn it! Why it's always so hard to get up that early?" I thought. I went to the kitchen where my prepared stuff waited for me. I had a little cup of tea, but I wasn't in the mood to eat anything. I was collecting my things together when a teammate knocked on our door. It was time to leave. On arriving at Selkirk College there was a bus waiting for our women's and men's team named "Saints".

Since September we, the Saints, practice three times a week. We are working really hard to be successful on competitions. At the beginning it was hard to play volleyball together because we didn't know each other that well. There were a lot of changes too, but at least we now have our team complete. I'm really glad to be part of this team because it's a lot of fun and I don't have to worry about eating chocolate!

I was really surprised that the team is that well supported. We got new shoes, warm up gear, t-shirts, pants... everything we needed to play. And the best thing was that we didn't have to pay for it! When I think back on the time in Switzerland, I'm really jealous because when you are in a team there you have to pay for everything, and it is really expensive.

The bus drive was about 12 hours long. I've never been in a bus for such a long time

but it was kind of fun. During our journey we slept, watched a film, talked a lot and slept again. The bad thing during our trip was that Joe, our coach, talked the whole time. I've never heard someone speaking for that long. He was speaking for about 7 hours and didn't stop till we were on the ferry from Vancouver to Victoria. There some teammates and I had a lot of fun, walking around and taking pictures of everyone. We saw Joe sleeping in a chair (he must have been really tired after talking non stop). As we got back in the bus someone was missing: Joe! Yah he was still sleeping in the ferry. After some phone calls he got in the bus and the drive went on.

Our first game was on 6pm right after we arrived in Victoria. The game wasn't that bad, we were only so tired from the bus trip. We lost 3:1 and were glad to go to bed. Unfortunately we couldn't watch the boys' game. The next morning we traveled to Nanaimo where we had our second game against Malaspina. They are the best team in Canada, so we didn't have a big chance but we showed up and they had to fight for their points. The boys were amazing, like they would fly on this field but they lost the game too. After that we had to go home...another 12 hour bus drive! At four o'clock in the morning I arrived at home, tired from the trip and went to bed.



# Thanksgiving Day

Ji young

Thanksgiving Day in Canada celebrates the harvest and is a time of year when families and friends gather to offer thanks for the



year. It is celebrated in the third weekend in October and is different from the American thanksgiving in purpose, but similar in the style of food... turkey and pumpkin pie, I helped my host mother and grandmother prepared a meal and set the table for 12 people.



Everyone was happy to talk and eat together.

Claudie-Anne arrived from Banff half way through the meal, so was very pleased to join in. It was a

very good experience and I enjoyed myself.



# Remembrance Day

Ji young

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day so I went downtown to see the Remembrance Day ceremonies with Jin



Hee. Jin Hee had slept over in my home so we could go together. But we got up late and had to ask my host father for a ride. We arrived there precisely on time. The parade had started and many

people were wearing uniforms. It was so great the red and blue uniforms of the RCMP



and cadets and the children in pink. We just followed that line and went to the memorial.

Everyone wore a poppy on their shoulder. The speakers read poems, said prayers and read out the names of those who had died in Wars.

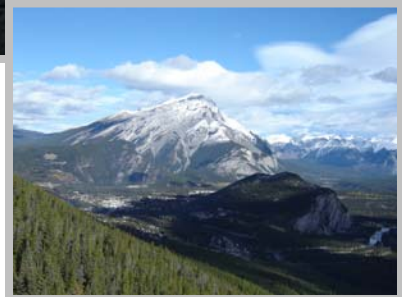
The atmosphere was austere. After all the speeches, everyone went up to the cenotaph to pay



their respects. I was most impressed that there was a list of people who had died in the Korea War. Jin Hee said it was because many people had died in the Korea War. It was so sad. Anyway, people put their poppy by the cenotaph. We returned home by hitching a ride with a nice woman. It was a solemn, but a great day.



# Life!



# BANFF: A Wonderful Adventure

*By Claudie-Anne Fortin*

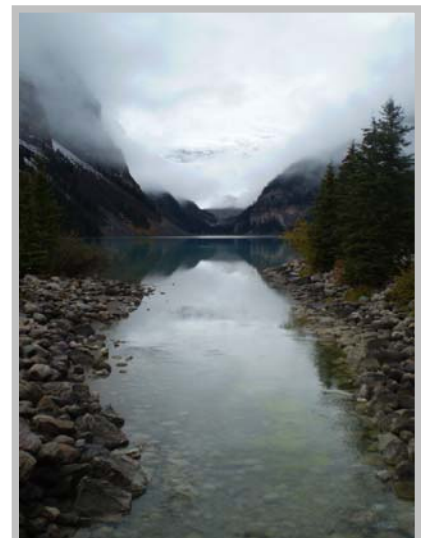
For some students, Thanksgiving holiday was not the traditional turkey family dinner. A group of students went to Banff. It was an enjoyable experience for everyone.

We all got on the bus early Saturday morning and drove to Banff. The landscape was magnificent the whole way to there. After 8 hours, we arrived! During the evening, we enjoyed the wonderful city of Banff. Some people just went to the pub, others shopped and some slept.

On Sunday, the group went to Sulphur Mountain and stayed there 3 hours. Everyone was awed by the majesty of the nearby mountains. After this delicious moment, we came back to the bus and split the group in two. One went to the hot springs and the other group visited the Banff Springs Hotel.

In the afternoon, everybody shopped in Banff. We all got some great souvenirs and ate tasty exotic meals.

Then on Monday, we packed our stuff and returned home with a lot of great memories. The groups stopped at Louise Lake and at Moraine Lake where the landscape was even more incredible. Everybody loved this travel experience.





On Oct 30<sup>th</sup> the college held a pumpkin Carving contest. Many Canadians and International students participated in



this event. It was first time for Dean, Tae Jun, Mun Gu, Yeoung In, and myself.

When I saw the poster for pumpkin carving, I was excited to participate, but the others

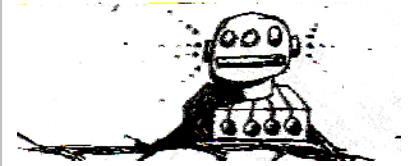


hesitated at first. So, I told them there would be prizes! We were a little bit worried before the pumpkin carving



because we hadn't prepared a

sketch. We thought that if we wanted to win, we should follow these steps.



Doodles by Will







First, make a detailed plan. Second, sketch on the pumpkin preferably with a ballpoint pen or felt tip pen. Third, draw in details on the pumpkin. Fourth, carve carefully. I started carving with Dean and Tae Jun. Our team name was “poker face” Because we wanted to make a pumpkin like a “poker face”. Everybody did their best because we wanted to win in particular. Mun Gu and Yeoung In’s team did pretty good! They made an ingenious pumpkin and won 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Pumpkin carving was pretty interesting.



I have never done this before. Even if we didn’t receive a prize, we had a fun day hanging around with my friends.



## “GOING AND SOULING -- HALLOWEEN DAY”

BY DISSPIKE

### Origins of Halloween

Halloween was started by ancient Celts who lived 2000 years ago in the area



that is now the United Kingdom and northern France. Originally it was a celebration of their New Year what started from Nov 1st. The Celts believed that this day was the end of **summer and the beginning of harvest**. It is also a time associated with death because the days started to be colder



and darker and the crops finished. Also they believed that the night before the New Year, the boundary between death and life became blurred, so the souls of the dead returned to earth, and caused disease and damaged crops. Thus they started this celebration to prevent the destruction, and this celebration was festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). These are the origins of Halloween.

By 43 A.D., the Romans had conquered the territory of the Celts and ruled for about 200



years. As a result, the traditional festival of Samhain was combined with two Roman festivals. One of Roman festival was Feralia that is a traditional celebration of the dead. The second was a day to honor Pomona,



the Roman goddess of fruit and trees. By 800 AD, the influence of Christianity had spread to the land of the Celts, and in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Boniface IV designated Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> as All Saints' Day and

sometimes called All-hallows or All-hallowmas. The night before All Saints' Day, the night of Samhain began to be called All-Hallows-Eve, and eventually, Halloween. By 1000 AD the church made a Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls' Day, a day to honor the dead. It was



similar to Samhain. Finally, together these three days joined to create Halloween.

### Trick-or-Treating.

"Trick-or-Treating" dates back to the All-Souls' day parade in England. During the



festival, poor citizens would beg for food, and families would give them pastries called "Soul cakes". It was a symbol that they promised to pray for the family's dead relatives. The distribution of "Soul cakes" was a good way to replace the ancient custom of leaving food for roaming spirits. This custom which was referred to as a "Going-a-Souling" was eventually taken up by children who visited the houses in their neighborhood and were given ale, food and money.

### Costumes



The tradition of dressing up in costumes finds roots in both European and Celtic traditions. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an uncertain and unfortunate time. Because people were afraid of the dark, and the short days in winter gave them constant worry. They thought that at night souls came to earth and they didn't want to lose their soul. So, when night time came they wore masks and animal's skins to



avoid being recognized by these souls. On Halloween to keep the souls away from the house, people left bowls of food outside to appease the spirits and prevent them attempting to enter.

### New Experience of Halloween

It was definitely the first time to celebrate Halloween Day, and might be the last time, if I can't go abroad again.



Before I came to Canada, I just heard that it was a very exciting, funny, special and awesome experience. Because there is no Halloween in Korea, I was full of

anticipation, and I couldn't sleep well the night before Halloween. Eventually, Halloween arrived, and I attended the party which Angie and Hitomi had organized. A costume competition was part of the party. I got a prize for the best costume. We played some games. It was great. This kind of Halloween party was unfamiliar to me, but extremely exciting. After the party finished, I went





Trick-or-Treating with my friends. I know this is for kids, but if I didn't try at this time, I could never try it. Can you imagine that someone who is 22 years old is at your door calling Trick or Treat at 9 pm. Anyway it was pretty awesome and exciting. When I

finished this day and was going my home, I thought that it is really good traditional holiday, and good that Canadian's had kept

their tradition like Trick-or-Treating and Pumpkin Carving. I believe it is important for all cultures to preserve their traditions.



# Kelowna Trip

Kelowna trip was the second trip for me in Canada. Before traveling, people always look forward to experience many new things. 13 students signed up to go to Kelowna. Some



of the students wanted to go to the big shopping mall to buy some winter jackets or boots.

According to the original travel plan, we had some options to go to see crocodiles or go bowling. However, 10 minutes before arriving at Kelowna, the school van had some problem and stopped moving. At first time I thought it would be fine soon, but it took about 1hour to organize alternate transport. Every student was a little bit nervous, including me. Because



of this incident, our plan was totally changed from the original one. Finally we took cabs to Kelowna and

it was the first time to take a taxi in Canada. After we arrived in Kelowna, we went shopping for about 3 hours. It was good because there were many more kinds of stores than Castlegar. The students bought many things such as warm jackets or winter boots. After shopping, all of us had dinner at a Japanese restaurant. We also talked at coffee shop and watched a movie together at the theatre. Although our travel plan was changed from the original one, it was a good opportunity for us to build deeper relationships.

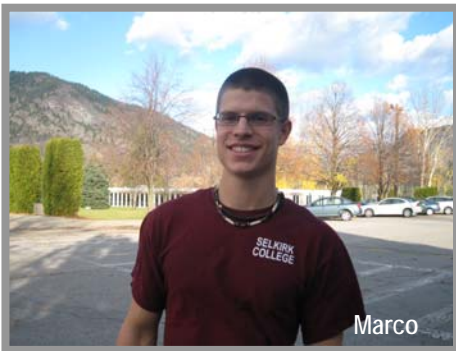
On the second day, fortunately the van was fixed, so we could go back home by a van not a greyhound bus!

Sometimes we meet some unexpected happenings like on this trip. I think, however, if we try to enjoy everything, it could become good memory for us whatever it is. Also, it could be good and new experience for us. I believe that, even though we get some problems, it will be a great opportunity for everybody.



# Gym Interview-

## Walter and Marco



These two cool guys are working in the Gym

Walter and Marco work for Campus Recreation. They have organized "Turkey Shoot", "Bench Press Competition", and "Spelling Bee" in Gym since this semester started. They are also work in the weight room and they help people who want to learn how to exercise.

Walter usually exercises five days a week to build up his muscles. He works very hard and recommends swimming as a good activity for our body and muscles. Running for 30 minutes everyday is also good. But his biggest advice to people wanting to exercise is that when you exercise, it is important to keep working for 6 weeks.

Walter loves to stay at the Gym. He feels it is a comfortable environment there. He can speak English well because he has worked at the Gym, and he leans English from the Gym staff. He's very happy working at the Gym.

Marco is also enjoys working in the Gym. He exercised for 3 years in Switzerland before coming and studying at Selkirk. He also

loves all sports. When he realized that that was a job opening at the college, he applied immediately because he thought it would be a nice opportunity to exercise.

So if you want some advise on exercising or just want to say hi to these cool guys, Walter works 5:30~6:30 on Mon. and Thu. 11:30~12:30 on Tue. and Wed. Marco works 1:00~2:00 on Mon through Thu.

By Hitomi

## A Japanese Learner

By Hitomi

For the past 2 months I have been teaching Japanese to a pretty Canadian girl who is 14 years old. The students name is Arielle. I was introduced her by Shana. She is smart, and remembers quickly, so now she can understand many Japanese characters. Also she doesn't forget easily.



Her love of Japan and Japanese animation are some of the reasons she decided to learn Japanese. Her dream is to visit Japan and watch several Japanese animation films there.

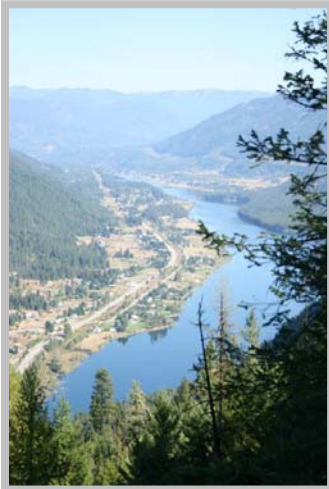
I appreciate her because she studies Japanese hard and she is a pleasure to teach. I hope that people who want to learn Japanese will increase. I want people understand more about Japan, Japanese, and Japanese culture.



# The Wonderful Experience of Hiking

Jin Hee

Every Saturday at the Community Complex a group of locals meet to go hiking. On Sep.15 a few international students went to the Community Complex to join this hike at 9:00 a.m. The morning weather was pretty beautiful. We went near to the Mel



Deana Mountain trail by car. We drove for 20 about minutes. When we arrived at the mountain it was a little bit chilly, but after 10 minutes we soon warmed up. If you go



be more dangerous than other sports, so we should observe the rules.

For example sometimes we can find rare plants or trees, but we should not gather them.



I liked this new experience. It was a wonderful opportunity. Hiking showed me a different view of nature. At first I was pretty tired and scared, but after some time. I really enjoyed myself and learned many new ways of thinking from Hiking.



hiking, you must not forget to bring a long T-shirt or jumper because the temperature in the mountain is different than lower down.

While walking we learned about the environment and nature, and that we must not throw garbage on the path. Hiking can



# Fall Fair

By Jinny

When I heard that the Fall Fair was being held, I really wanted to go there. I haven't a lot of opportunities to take in an event like a Fall Fair in my hometown because I've lived in a big city all my life.



At the Fall Fair, there were so many people and hand made things. The reason the Fall Fair was held is to share information about how to raise crops. People in Castlegar showed their harvest, animals, handcrafts and competed against other people to see who the best was. The best item would get the first prize (blue ribbon) and the next ones could get 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. Moreover, it seemed a kind



of a market so that people could sell and purchase lots of home-made things such as honey, jam, cookies, clothes, and furniture. My homestay mother's mother (grandmother) entered a lemon pie at the Fall Fair when she was



young and won 1<sup>st</sup> prize. The lemon pie was so delicious that years ago it made grandfather want to date her.

The most interesting event was the horses which were training in the parade grounds. The horses I've known were just through the TV or



pictures, so it was the very first time that I saw real horses. In the paddock, these horses were running and stopping repeatedly according to the rider's commands. When I stood beside a horse to have my picture taken, I was so surprised at how big the horse's head was. The other interesting point was a man selling a variety of spicy sauces. His name is Edmond and people said that he was very kind, especially to girls so that we could take a photo with him! His sauces were very hot!

The most memorable thing to me at the Fall Fair was people that raised crops and made things by themselves compared to my hometown where we are just selling and buying things, not raising them. For me, who has lived in an apartment, grown up in an industrial city, the Fall Fair here was a new experience. I hope that while I am here I can be enriched not only with the language, English, but also with more Canadian culture like the Fall Fair.





# CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

By Jinny

Last Sunday (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>) I took part in the Children's Festival as a volunteer at the



Community Complex. My homestay mother's mother, Inga Lamont, has been in charge of the Festival for twelve years. The reason for the



festival is to make money to help students. The money from the festival goes to Selkirk College Bursary foundation and the college distributes the money to some students who want to work with children, especially students who are eager to take ECE (Early Childhood Education). A lot of volunteers in Castlegar have visited Inga's home to make



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things for the festival since October and Lei and I have helped making Christmas' decorations and packing candies. In the morning of that day, we all wore the red shirts of volunteers and set up the tables. There were a variety of activities for kids such as making Christmas cards, Gingerbread House cookies, making candles, having cakes, face painting, taking pictures with Santa Claus, making masks and so on. My position was free crafts, to put



strings on children's masks after they made their mask. Some children tried to make their masks like mine, and some children made their own masks very uniquely. I would never forget the children's bright smile when I put their masks on their small cute heads. My homestay mother's father, Jim Lamont, wore the Santa Claus costume and had his picture taken with the children while his brother played the piano at the



main entrance. The fair was from 10 in the morning to 4pm and they said that there were over 1,200 people who enjoyed the festival. When the fair ended, I was too tuckered out to do my homework. Even though I was very tired, we did good job and the money from the fair will be for a good purpose. It was wonderful experience itself!!

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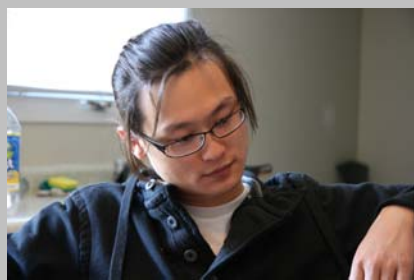
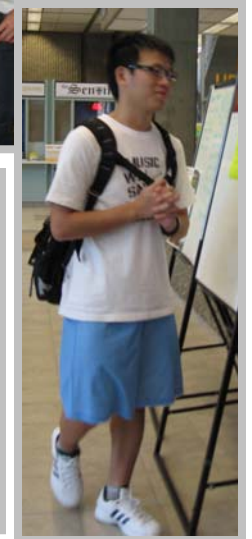
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# Life in college



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# Volunteering

There are several seminar programs in this semester. Volunteering is one of popular seminars every semester. The purpose of volunteering is to give opportunities to international students to work in Canadian society. They visit their work places once a week this term. 10 students are working in every work place such as a coffee shop, elementary schools and a clothing store. At each place they work along side their employers, teaching, selling or other daily tasks.

For the first two weeks, students learned the way to get along with employees. After interviews with their employees, students began to work in their work places for one semester.

At first, some of them worried if students at elementary schools would be able to understand their English. Some of them felt some difficulties in working at strange places and meeting new people. However, in the end every student did their best and enjoyed their volunteering. I sincerely recommend other ESL students to take a volunteering seminar and experience new things.

By Sunny



**Sunny** worked at Twin Rivers Elementary school for one month. She assisted Mrs. Brown (Grade 5 teacher); she gave presentations about Korea to the students every week. She introduced Korean language, food, and games. One day she brought Korean hot pepper sauce called "Gochuzang" and let students taste it. After her presentation, she usually joined their activities such as a French vocabulary game. It was a one of the most memorable experiences that she has ever had and I will miss them so much.



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## Ji Young and Sue worked at Kinnaird

**Ji Young** read books with students in her Grade 1 class. Sometimes she helped students to read alphabet correctly. She said that working at the elementary school was really good for correcting her English and her pronunciation.



**Sue** discussed some topics with students. They played in the snow together on snowy days and took pictures. She also said that it was a good chance to meet Canadian children and understand them.



**Sabina** worked at Robson Community School. She helped the grade 3 and 4 students. She taught students new words, helped them to spell words correctly. Sometimes she played baseball games in a gym. She really loves her volunteer experience and would like to keep working next semester.

**Julia** worked at Hobbit Hill Children's Centre downtown Castlegar. She worked three hours once a week. She read books to children, set the table for their snack time and played with them. The most exciting game was "Hide and Seek"; she loved playing it. The children loved her. Julia said that everyone was adorable; she is going to miss them.



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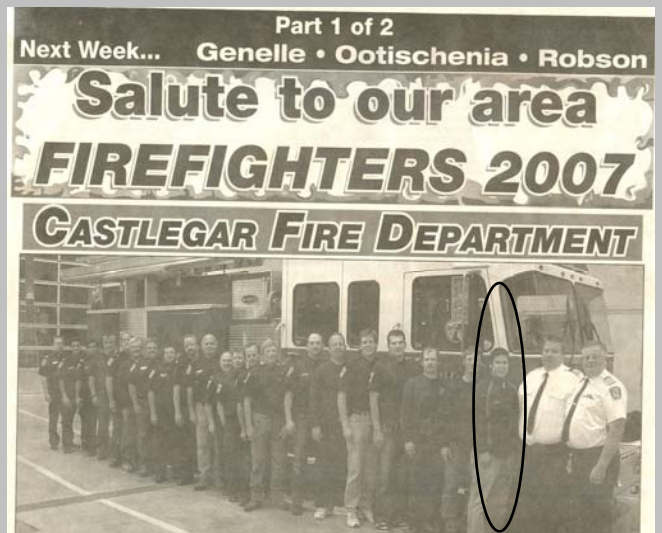
**Michelle** worked at Selkirk Daycare Center. She loves children; she took care of children and played with them. She felt that children make people happy and children are lovely.



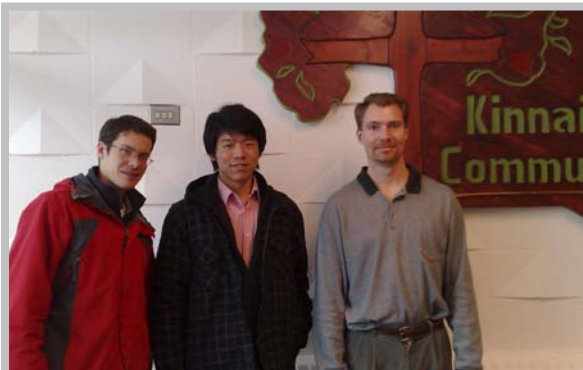
**Jade** worked at a clothing store called "Bourbon Street". She sold clothes to customers and she became a model in the fashion show established by her clothing store. She said that it was a really unforgettable memory in Canada.



**Benoit** worked at a Mallard's Sports. He worked with other Castlegar teenagers and sold sports equipment to customers personally. He is a sports fanatic, so he has lots of knowledge about different sports. He said that "I really enjoyed the time when I worked there; it was a good experience and memory in Castlegar."



**Tony** worked at the Kinnaird Community Church. Once a week he helped with office work and communicating with staff. He said that it was a good opportunity to improve his English and to help them.



**Mark** volunteered at Castlegar fire station. He attended their weekly training sessions and even got his picture in the newspaper and rode the truck out on a call. It was a lot of fun to work at the fire station.



**Samuel** worked at a coffee shop, but he wanted to challenge something different and was able to change his volunteer placement. He worked for Amnesty International and Global Views at Noon. Fortunately, he was also able to get a regular paid position from this volunteer opportunity. Usually he participated in a conference once a week. One time he sold things to raise funds for people in Guatemala. He said that it was good chance to participate this meaningful activity and it would be a good experience for future.



**Yiseul** works at the Castlegar Public Library in downtown. Actually she didn't take a volunteering seminar in school, but she found it by herself. She asked the librarians if she could volunteer. In the public library, she shelves the books, checks the condition of books and helps the staff in the library. She said the library staff are very friendly and she enjoys her time.

## Global Discussions

The global discussions course was interesting. In this course, we had discussion about the global warming, the environment, the human rights and life style. In little groups, we prepare the subject we had chosen and we lead a discussion about our topic. During this seminar I heard many good discussions and perspectives. We all learn a lot about the world and each other from this course. It was a great experience.



## Pronunciation

**By Stephanie**

Each Thursday afternoon, there was a seminar of pronunciation that was very interesting. In the pronunciation class, we didn't learn just how to pronounce, the teacher transforms the course into game to make it more interesting and to practice all elements of pronunciation. This course helped us a lot to improve our confidence and our speaking ability.



# Partnership

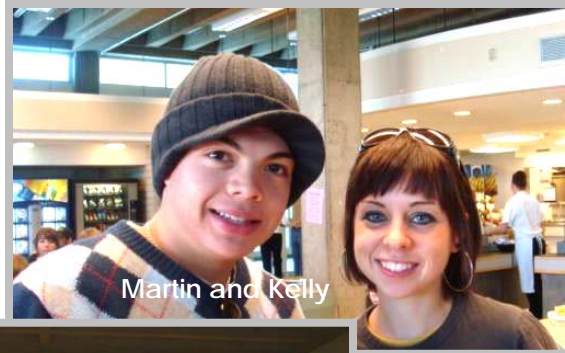
The Partnership connects ESL students with Canadians or other English speakers for informal meetings. The purpose is to practice the in English skills, meet new friends, and share knowledge and information about cultures.

By Cherry

At the beginning of the semester, the students made posters in order to advertise this program and recruit partners. While the partners were being recruited, we learned basic skills and strategies for conversation with some word games. After we got a partner, we organized meetings once a week at a specific time. We are able to meet our partners at lunch or other free time and at a place that was mutually convenient, but only a public place.

At first, it was difficult to talk with my partner because they spoke fast, and they also used a lot of slang. However, it has become easier and easier to understand. I am happy to take this program because I noticed my English has become better than before and I have a new friend.

At the end of this program, we are going to introduce our wonderful partners to others in our class.



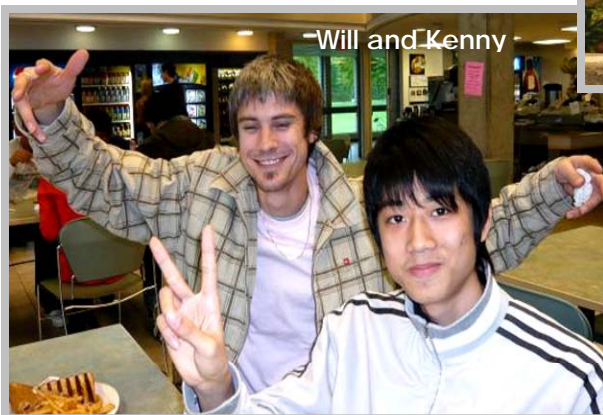
Martin and Kelly



Dean and Daniel



Krista and Hitomi



Will and Kenny



Tae-Jun and Tristan



# TESOL Class

## Fall Semester 2007

It is said that if you want to learn a subject well, you must teach it. Here at Selkirk College, 15 students are learning to teach English as a second language. This years TESOL students come from many walks of life – fine arts, social services, anthropology, psychology, environmentalism, and the medical field, to name a few. Way back in September, we all walked into our first classes nervously, as strangers here. Over the months we have become good friends. No matter where each of us ends up after we graduate, this will be the most important lesson we have learned. Friendships make anywhere home.

Sometimes teaching a language that you have spoken since you were a small child may seem easy, but that is not so. There are many rules that a native speaker never has to think about. When you teach the language, you have to learn these rules, otherwise how will you ever explain things to your student? For that reason, the TESOL course, even though it is only one semester, is very intense and informative. Subjects include language and culture, theory, grammar, teaching methods, curriculum and testing. There are many chances for the student teachers to work with language students from many different backgrounds.

By Marie Carr



**Miwa Rich Sugino** was a Japanese university when she discovered how much she enjoyed learning languages. She came to Selkirk College 16 years ago to pursue her dream of becoming fluent. She settled in Nelson, had 4 children and home-schooled the older ones for about 3 years. Friends of hers had been all over the world teaching English, and she decided to register 2 days before the course began! When she graduates, she wants to teach in the Middle East or Mexico.



**Pablo Pastor** spoke Spanish when he came to Canada from Honduras at age 8. After one year of immersion and special classes for international students, he was fluent in English. "At that age, I absorbed it like a sponge," he says. Later, he lived in Quebec and found it much more difficult to learn French. He's been teaching Spanish in the community for about 6 years, but he says, "I learned how to teach by jumping in the deep end and just doing it. Selkirk College's TESOL course is really helping me fill in the blanks." After he's finished, he wants to travel with his wife who is a public school teacher and their 2 vouna



**Julie Cho** also from Korea, learned English in record time. Her secret? She said when she first came to Selkirk College as an international student, she spoke only English for 7 months. "Not even to her boyfriend?" we asked. Well....

**Min Hui Lee** is here because of a promise. An older friend in Korea asked her to help him learn English quickly and cheaply so that he can use it to travel before he was too old. She saw many senior citizens like him and decided to help them achieve their dreams. Anything is possible!

When **Akiko Horie** was majoring in comparative cultures in Japan, one of her compulsory subjects was English. It was there that she met the professor who inspired her to become an English language teacher. This woman, though Japanese herself, taught Akiko's class completely in English, and it was the first time Akiko had ever been in an immersion classroom. Akiko felt understood and supported, so she persevered. Her goal now is to be that kind of English teacher to other students like herself in Japan.

**GillianSmith** came to the program fresh from getting a Fine Arts degree at Ottawa University. She said she was thinking of becoming an art teacher but wanted to try out teaching first, so here she is. What has she learned from TESOL? She loves teaching, so some day she will return to college for her teaching degree. Right now though, Gillian and her high school sweetheart, **Peter Hudson** (a graduate in psychology from Carlton University) look forward to teaching English in Korea after they finish TESOL.



# The Toonie BBQ

*A great cultural experience*

An important event stopped every EASL students. Organised by Mayu Goto as part of her Professional English Language Citation program, the Toonie BBQ was a homemade feast of meals from Korea, Japan, Chinese and Québec. Each meal had a price of only \$1 or \$2.

Over a month, Mayu organized and planned all aspects of the event with the exceptional help of the international students. Students and staff from throughout the college came to taste the food from each country. Everybody agreed that the Toonie BBQ was a great success! Each country sold out of the portions they had prepared in less than 2 hours. The event made only a little money which Mayu has decided to donate to a charity on behalf of the international students.

**By Claudie-Anne and Cherry**





# Intercultural Fair



By Hitomi Ichijo

The Intercultural Fair that was held at Selkirk College on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was a huge success. It was not only beneficial for Canadian students to learn about the cultural backgrounds of all the students at Selkirk College, but a wonderful opportunity for me to learn about my classmates. I also got to share



with fellow students everything that I love about Japan.

I was also surprised by the amount



that I was able to learn about other countries where my classmates come from. For example, the Korean students were teaching traditional childhood games: Jegi (like Hacky sack), showing Korean pop music and images, and serving Korean food, Kimbap (Korean sushi). They even had some wonderful entertainment – a dance performed by Samuel, Michelle and Rachel.



Japan has a unique culture. We showed this by demonstrating Japanese calligraphy, offering Japanese

tea, rice cracker, Origami (Japanese paper art), Japanese animation, technologies, and giving people the opportunity to wear traditional summer kimono's called a 'yukata'. I was very impressed by the interest that people showed towards Japanese culture.



The students from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macao students showed us their culture by making a traditional bean soup (sweet red beans with sticking rice balls), and showed people





how to write their names in Chinese character. Also, they introduced Chinese traditional New Year's Day and played Chinese movies.



The displays from Mexico, Honduras,

and Chile made us all envious of their tropical climate and their beautiful sandy beaches. Many of us want to take a vacation to see these warm cultures as we are about to head into a long Canadian winter. There was music, colours, maps and pictures that helped us all learn a little more about countries to the south of Canada.



The European countries of Switzerland, France and Russia as well as Zambia were represented by several students. Marco and Sabina had a great display of photos and interesting facts about Switzerland. They also brought delicious samples of Swiss chocolate.... YUM! Sara, in the TESOL program brought a few of her grandmothers' things to show a small example of traditional Russian Doukhobor culture that is dominant in this area.

Doukhobor culture that is dominant in this area.



Québécois showed us another aspect of Canadian culture and the tradition of hockey. We were able to try out our scoring techniques. They also listened to traditional and modern Québec music. In addition, they cooked a homemade sweet called a pété de soeur – which has a funny translation of 'nun's fart'. It was very delicious, especially when warm! They had many attractive pictures of Québec that made me want to go to Québec one day.



What's Up?

College Canada

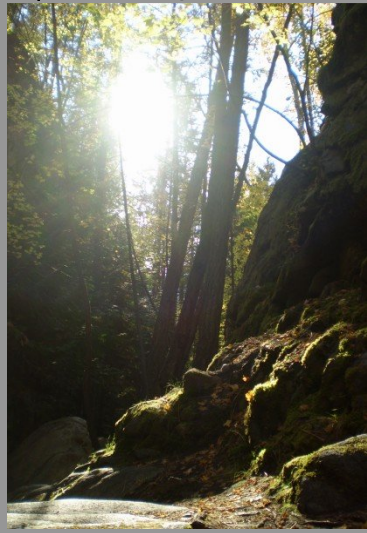


Next time I talk with my classmates I will have a better understanding of where they come from. It is my hope that in understanding our differences we will be able to have stronger friendships. It may also have been an opportunity for the Canadian students to become more comfortable in making friends with foreign students.



# Student's Art

Stephanie Thivierge



Benjamin



Benjamin



Manuela



Ryan



Stephanie Thivierge



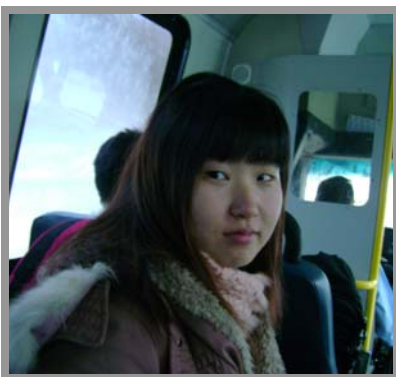
# What Colour Are Your Pajamas?

By Jin Hee



I had a funny experience during my stay in Castlegar. I live in South Ridge, so the bus is only twice a day. I must take a bus at 7:30 am everyday.

If I miss the bus, it is difficult to go to school. On October 18<sup>th</sup> I missed the bus. It was a rainy day, and outside was pretty dark. When I opened my eyes, it felt like 6:00 am. However, my alarm clock showed the time was 7:35. At that time I heard a loud banging at the front door.



I didn't know it was for me, but the person at the door was my friend Ji Yyoung. We usually take the

bus together everyday, she had an umbrella in her left hand, and she was waiting at the door. Behind her...the bus was waiting in front of my house for me!! In fact, the bus had been waiting 10 minutes. When I opened



the door, I was wearing my pyjamas, and everyone on the bus saw me and laughed. I was so embarrassed. I have a new nickname. It is "pyjamas Jin Hee".

But what was so impressive and memorable for me was that the bus driver was so kind to wait for me and my friends too. They told me, they had a fun time because of this unusual



experience. I've never had this kind of experience before. I will never forget this story.



# Live @ Selkirk 10th Street Campus



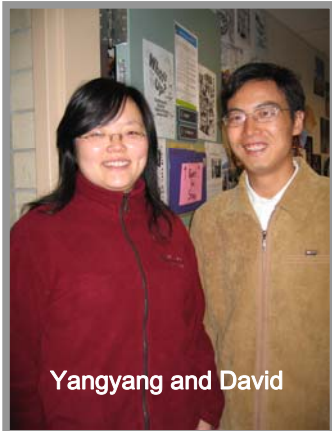
At Selkirk College 10th Street you can study many interesting professions. Hospitality-Tourism, Digital Arts-New Media and Film, Music-Performance and Production are the principal professional programs. In every study there are international students involved; some for the whole 2 year diploma and some as short-term audit students to learn the language and skills related to a profession.

This college campus has many interesting people of every age. They are all interested in creating great things like songs, music, web pages, illustrations, movies, meals or learning a lot about hotel management. To be in school here means to work hard, be creative and learn a lot, even in your leisure time. In every edge of the campus you can hear music; in the cafeteria during lunch break, in the music studio or in the students lounge. At evenings it isn't uncommon to meet some multimedia students working on their Photoshop-, animation- or web design projects in front of the computer or behind the camera. In the cafeteria you can meet the chefs in their stylish cooking hat, and the hotel management students who serving and working in the Scholars Dining Room.

I have been in the Digital Arts and New Media program since September 2007. We are a big class and it's a lot of fun as we have a lot of group work. The pictures attached some examples of what we're doing all the time. For those who want to join this program I can only say that it is really interesting and diverse even when it is hard work. By Manuela



## Two Visitors from China to Selkirk College



Yangyang and David

This semester, we had two visitors from Nanjing, China. They are Yangyang and David. Both of them are teachers in China. Yangyang is working in Nanjing

International school of Industry and Technology, and David is working in Tourism Management. They visited Selkirk College attend a two-month training program. Now they are observing and participating in the ESL program with us. Sometimes they attend the tourism management program in Nelson. Yangyang said

*"Here the ESL program is very helpful for improving students' English, the students and teachers are kind and friendly in Selkirk College. I like Selkirk College and this town. The nature of Castlegar is so beautiful, the air is fresh and the streets are clean."*

At the end of October, they return to China. They told me that they would recommend students in China to come to Selkirk College when learning English, because of the beautiful nature, kind people and a good curriculum. They would like to tell students to study hard, and have a lot of fun!



Vivian and her parents celebrating William and Christina's wedding

# Visitors



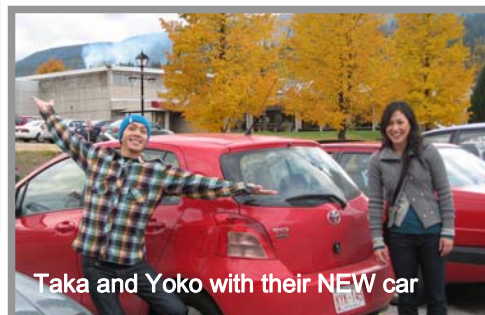
Benoit's Parents



Claudie-Anne's Mom and Grandma



Visiting Writer: Diana Hartog



Taka and Yoko with their NEW car



# Selkirk Reunions

Written by Akane Inoue (Spring 2007 Grad)

Students always leave the college after they finish studying. However, our relationship never disappears even when we go back to our countries. This year many students traveled around the world to see ex-classmates and friends. We call it a "REUNION".



First, I will introduce Bella's trip to Korea!! Bella, who is from Taiwan, went to Korea to meet her friends, Hyo Jung, Jung Eun, Winston, and Mi Sun this summer!! Bella had met her friends in the fall semester and had travelled to LA to meet other friends for several months. But she kept in contact and the trip to Korea was a special event to reconnect with her Selkirk family.



Next is Felix's Trip to Kanagawa in Japan. Felix, who is from Hong Kong, met his friends, Mark, Masako, Yuji, Mayu Abe, and me. They are really good drinking friends when they used to be in Castlegar and so they picked up where they had left off in Castlegar, talking and socializing until the last train came. Haha... Stephanie, Betty, and Shirley' from Hong Kong also met up with them for some sightseeing in Tokyo!! Later Masako visited them to Hong Kong for yet another meeting of

concerts and great food.



Tsz Kwan (from Honk Kong) and Mayu Goto (from Japan) met in the fall of 2006 and became fast friends so that when summer came they decided to travel together. They traveled to Quebec to meet their classmates Joline, Marc, Boby, Shanny, Thao, and Alex!! At the same time Patrick, from Switzerland, was also there. He was traveling around Canada and US with Patricia, Ken (from Japan), and Daniel. Later in the summer to complete her travels, Tsz Kwan went to Switzerland to see Patrick!

Now I'm back in Castlegar. My good memories have brought me here again to visit



my friends. For so many students who have studied in Castlegar, Selkirk has become our second home. But now we can connect with our family throughout the world!! "REUNIONS" will continue to happen all over the world in the future... It's our pleasure!! It's our evidence that we were at Selkirk!!



Tsz Kwan and Patrick





# Hockey

An important game for a lot of youth

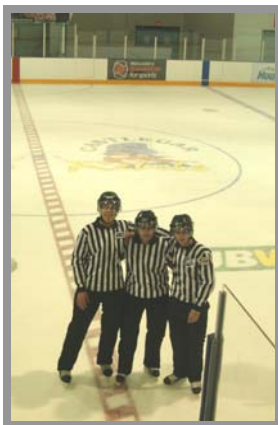
By Marc-André (Marc)

Refereeing is a big part of my life. You can't know how big a referee career you can have until you try it. Before, I had never thought about becoming a referee in the NHL until one day my father asked me if I wanted to try to become a referee. The year I start to refer was awesome.



The second year was the same, but I had become a better referee. The third year was the best year of my life.

I start the season being not really a good referee. As the year became old, maybe in October, I refereed a game with Guillaume Bigué (Benoit's brother), which was to become the best game of my life to that time. He was very happy to work with me, so he started to help me. He told me maybe I would be able to go to the provincial championship. That was very good for me.



When they chose the new referees, they didn't choose me, so I was sad, but at the same time, I thought it didn't matter because I was only 15 years old.

Three days before the provincial Hockey championship, Guillaume came to my school. I was in the line up to get my lunch on cafeteria, and he

came up to me and said, "Hey dude, a guy cancelled to referee the provincials and so you are picked!" I was so happy. I thought that's the best thing someone had ever told me in my life. I went to school for my two class left, but I didn't listen to the teacher. The only thing I was thinking was telling the good new to my father.



My father was thrilled. When I told it to him he said, "You're my son and I'm proud of you". After this news he told me the best things he ever said to me. He told me, "I really want to see you refereeing in the

NHL." I think everybody told me, "that is impossible", but I think if you really want to do something you can do it.



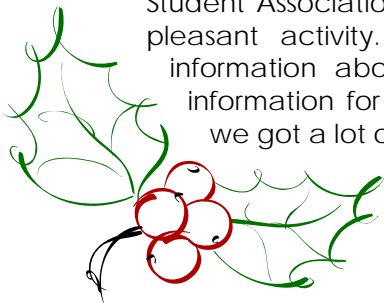
Now, I have become a real referee with the real guys and I met a lot of friends. It is awesome. In Castlegar, I have been working with Benoit Bigué and Adam Lavoie-Coutu, also referees from Québec, and have referred for Junior B and minor league tournaments in the Kootenays.



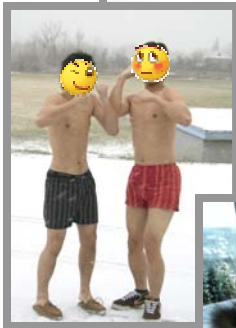
# Christmas Tree Decorations

By Claudie-Anne Fortin

Before Christmas, each family decorates a tree. This winter at Selkirk College we did the same. During lunch time at the end of November, many students came to help decorating the Christmas tree that is in the student "pit". Everyone created their own Christmas decoration. Afterwards, we got a hot chocolate and a cookie. The Selkirk Student Association (SSA) organized this pleasant activity. We also got some information about petition and new information for students. All together we got a lot of fun.



## The First Snow



For many students, the first snow was the most exciting event after Halloween. The first snow week was the beginning of the snowball fighting and snowman building season. Everyone was extremely happy with the arrival of the snow. We felt excited that Christmas and the holiday was coming.



# First Snow Frolicking



# The Christmas Party



Every year, Selkirk International Program prepares a Christmas party. This year it was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. Each homestay family brought some desserts or appetizers and the first activity was a Christmas show. Mayu Goto was the Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Mami Sugimoto. All students sang a Christmas song they had learned during their communication class. For the party, each class sang their song. Then, Nemo and friends, Samuel and Jarred, the crazy girls and the French Canadians add their personal touch to the show. We can't forget Marc-André's characterization of the 'perfect' bad student. We doubt that he will be getting anything from Santa this year... well maybe!!!?





The evening was concluded by a visit from the 'Jolly Man' himself, though somewhat slimmer than his usual form! Then, a light snack, lots of chatting and picture taking! The party was very friendly and everybody enjoyed listening to Christmas carols. It was a great way to unwind before final exams and the holidays

**Good Luck  
&  
Merry Christmas!**





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