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Eight Students Inducted into NHS

Another Amazing Race

By Ki-Chan Jeon

"Your last task is to find people with service, leadership, scholarship, and character at the quaint Dalat International School located in the Pearl of the Orient, Penang, Malaysia," Joshua Lai (12) shouted.

On 12 March, the National Honor Society induction ceremony took place after a month of preparation by the nine members. Because most of the members went on the Evangelism Explosion trip to Myanmar the week before the ceremony, all nine members had to work hard to prepare.

"It was such a rush, and I was afraid that we would do really badly because of the lack of practice. But in the end, many people told us that we did a great job; and I was so glad that we pulled it through," Sarah Podenak (12) said.

Before they started to practice and put things together, the nine NHSers had met once a week during their lunchtime. When they decided to parody "The Amazing Race," the popular TV show as their theme, they divided into pairs to form four groups. Lai took the role of the host of the show; each pair represented a group that lacked one of the characteristics that

NHSers should have.

In the first task of picking up the "rice" in a pseudo-paddy field, Podenak and Emily Sheddan (12) showed their lack of service by whining about getting dirty.

Megan Galloway (12) and Aaron Malcolm (12) played a grumpy couple who kept fighting throughout the entire game; they had a hard time choosing a leader between them because neither of them had leadership quality.

Terry-Lynn Frenz (12) and Pearl Fung (12) made it to the last round only to find themselves "academically challenged," in a game of world geography puzzle.

The only group left, Rachel Lau (12) and Ki-Chan Jeon (12), seemed to have won the competition without much trouble; however, the couple had cheated

in every task they had had to do.

Since none of the group had all of NHS's four qualities, the host suggested a final task for the competition: to find those who had service, leadership, scholarship, and character in the audience.

"Go!" As Lai shouted, the eight members began their search. One by one, they found eight new members: Christabel Kim (11), Casey Caldwell (11), Tina Wolfe (11), Rachel Houmphan (12), Ben Masters (12), Jacki Steiert (11), Dan Walter (11), and Jessica Friesen (11). With loud applause from the audience, each new inductee stepped onto the platform looking forward to next year's ceremony in which he or she would continue the search for other prospective members of NHS. •

Huh? Who's Special?...You Are!

By Joshua Lai

"...and you are learning and memorizing everything in only a week, which took us Americans one whole semester to learn!" exclaimed Uncle Tom Mang-

ham with a jovial smile spreading across his face. "Know why? Because you are all so special!"

Roaring aloud, Singapore (Continued on p. 2, column 1)

Shootin' for Ringgit

at the three-on-three tourney

By Wendy Kordesch

At 8:30 A.M. basketballers of all sizes and shapes crowded the gym, all in hopes of leaving with an extra RM400 in their pockets. Players stretched and warmed up until 9:30, when Mr. Michael Holden reviewed the rules of the day.

Eighteen teams lined up to play on 22 March, with four from Dalat and others from St. Xaviers, George Town, and Chung Ling. Each team of four under-18 players had paid 20 ringgit to join the tournament. The games followed a "make it-take it" style, meaning that when a team scored points, they remained in pos-



session of the ball. Play continued until one team reached 11 points or exceeded the 15-minute time limit; each team called its own fouls.

Joe Lee (12) came up with the concept for the tournament and Student Council followed with the planning and organization. "I wanted to have [the tournament] for the fun of it, to get to know other schools and interact with the community. [But] mainly, I just wanted to play ball," said Lee.

The games began, and action in the gym looked chaotic with two courts split into four half-court games. The fast pace of the games moved the tournament quickly; most games ended within five minutes, and teams had a break in between games. Each team played at least seven games, and the undefeated advanced for more games in the playoffs.

At 3:30 P.M. fans packed the bleachers; 18 teams had dwindled down to two Dalat teams,

and the championship game (where the first team to reach 15 points would win) began. The "Large and in Charge" team with Nick Ratzloff (12), Joe Lee (12), David Eckman (11), and Zach Hansen (11) battled against "The Flaming Lizards" team with Derrick Hsiang (12), Seth Galloway (10), Albert Teoh (12), and Matt Provencal (12) for first place.

Intensity gleamed in the eyes of the players as "Large and in Charge" pulled slightly ahead. The crowd watched in anticipation as the points slowly climbed, with the teams neck and neck. Ratzloff shot from outside the key and scored the eleventh point for "Large and in Charge." "The Flaming Lizards" returned with two more points; a final shot by Provencal brought the score to 15 and the victory. "I was so ready to play, but the competition was pretty good. Even though my team didn't win, I was happy for those guys," said Ratzloff.

"The Flaming Lizards" received a round of applause and cheer as Mr. Holden handed the boys their prize money. Hsiang said, "I felt that the hard work our team put into the day paid off and we could spend our money wisely." •

A Bundle of Boy

By Rachel Lau

"I can't wait to see you John. I'll be here when you come out," said Brittany Hurlbut to her mother's belly. Months of excitement and eagerness came with a grand finale: the birth of Mr. John Hudson Hurlbut.

The birth of eight-and-a-half pound, blue-eyed, brown haired John Hudson on 22 March to Mr. Rick and Mrs. Melanie Hurlbut, brought a delightful addition to his family. Just like previous years when staff members had children, the news spread rapidly around campus, exciting staff and students alike.

In Bible 12, Mr. Hurlbut came in to announce his son's birth. With a ceaseless beam on his face, he explained the meaning of his name. "We named him John after the apostle John and a former pastor at the church where Melanie and I met. Hudson is after Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China."

Life at the Hurlbut's bustles busily as they feed baby John every few hours and change his diaper. "It's often hard to go out (Continued on p. 3, column 1)

EE Trip to Myanmar...

(Continued from page 1, col. 4) Airlines Flight SQ197 ripped the quiet and peaceful night apart with the sound of its gigantic engines on 2 March, as it ferried its passengers towards Singapore. Inside sat a team of 11 energized and animated teenagers with four half-asleep adults.

Evangelism Explosion, an evangelism class offered as part of the Bible department, organized a mission trip to Myanmar from 3-9 March, to train the Burmese people.

"I was really psyched about the Myanmar trip because I figured I would learn more about God," said Daniel Walter (11). "And Subway in Singapore was a taste of America in the vast wilderness of Asia."

Once their plane touched down in Yangon, enthusiasm engulfed the entire team as they made their way to Rev. U Toe Toe's Unaw Baptist Church for a welcoming lunch ceremony. Following lunch, the team had some time for shopping at a local market.

Soon after, the team depart-

ed to the Youth for Christ Center in Bago, a district where they would spend the next few days, teaching and training local believers. What happened, though, "...was unexpected and totally blew our minds," said Kara Mangham (12).

Throughout the next few days, the Penang team led praise and worship, performed skits, shared testimonies, taught the Gospel outline, and helped the clinicians to improve their presentations.

Despite the hectic and frantic schedule, the trainers still found time to have their devotions with the hopes of drawing closer to God. "Generally, going to Myanmar helped to make my relationship with God more than a casual friendship; now I am intimately dependent on Him," said Sarah Podenak (12).

Moreover, the team also took time to learn about the Burmese culture, have some fun, and spend time with the clinicians. "Getting to know the people and learning to love them really helped me see how God loved us. God really did help me to love people," shared Walter.

"They are a very 'touchy-feely' people," said Daniel Whiting (12) amusedly. "You should see how they taught us to wear the *lonji*! They were, um, interestingly close."

Learning to share the Gospel, however, did not just mean sitting in the classroom listening to lectures. With two trainees paired with one or two trainer(s), the teams also went out into the country sharing through On-the-Job Trainings.

For OJTs, different teams traveled to an English school or rural villages to spread the good news to the Burmese. "I was so excited when the person we visited accepted Christ!" exclaimed Casey Caldwell (11). "It was the first time I ever led somebody to Christ! I was so overjoyed!"

"I learned through my OJT experience that God has blessed me in so many ways. He showed me that I needed to always have a spirit of thankfulness," said Terri-Lynn Frentz (12).

On the last night, the clinic closed with a ceremony where the trainees each received a "diploma" certifying them as trainers, and with the Dalat trainers

becoming certified as teacher-trainers. The atmosphere also turned emotional, with quite a few trainers quietly letting their tears flow.

As the next day arrived, the Penang team traveled back to Yangon and after some sight-seeing and another shopping spree, went to the airport.

Conversation quickly turned to the experiences the team had shared together. Mangham summed up the trip: "Despite the fact that it was an amazing, life-changing, earth-shaking experience, there was a quiet element of it that none of us can put into words. It was just a beautiful time of watching God move," she said.

With a gradual increase in sound, the airbus geared up its engines and took off from Yangon International Airport as gracefully as a mechanical bird can.

As the students stared out its windows at the beautiful, disappearing landscape beneath them, one thought occupied each mind: each of them possesses a quality of "special-ness" in taking part of this trip. •

It Bounced?!

By Valerie Eddins

"Ok! Each of you has an account at the Dalat International School Bank. Banking hours are 3:30-5:30, Monday through Friday. Here is your checkbook, and this will be the only way you can receive your allowance," stated Aunt Heather Kelly, as the nine dorm seniors sat staring at her, their mouths ajar.

Beth Farnum, Rachel Houmphan, Lisa Nakanouchi, Benjamin Masters, Daniel Whiting, Joe Lee, Nick Ratzloff, Aaron Malcolm, and Valerie Eddins fixed their eyes on their little book-lets in disbelief. They had known that soon they would have to face the outside world, but the thought had always referred to the distant future.

Through feedback from graduated classes and the present seniors' conversations, the dorm staff decided that students needed a way to prepare for the future.

They made a sign-up sheet for various classes including: banking, cooking, automobile technology, laundry, plumbing, etc. They gave each of the dorm seniors a list and had them check off items they wished to learn more about.

Each of the staff has a certain topic or topics they will teach to the seniors. The classes take place during senior treats, on Saturdays, or throughout the month. As a result, not only will the students learn life necessities; they will have a chance to

get to know the various staff members better. As Whiting said, "I'm really grateful that the dorm parents are taking the time to help prepare us for life."

Although not all of these classes have gone into effect yet, students have had a chance to participate in a few.

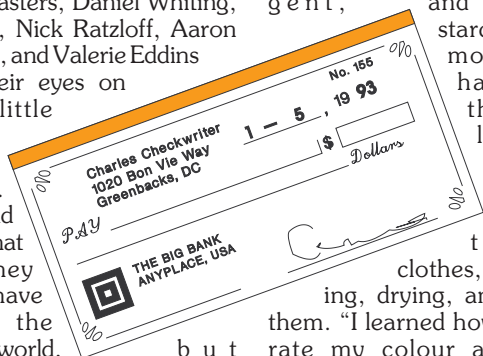
On 12 February each student received a bottle of fabric softener, liquid laundry detergent, and a can of starch. For a month they had to do their own laundry. This included sorting their clothes, and washing, drying, and ironing them. "I learned how to separate my colour and white clothes for laundry. I had never done that before," Nakanouchi said.

Overall, the dorm seniors have enjoyed "playing house." But each of them knows that soon the playing will end, and each will face the real world. Each class reminds the students that they have to take another step closer to independence.

As Lee commented, "I believe it's a positive step in the right direction for us to prepare for the busy American life."

"If your check bounces you automatically owe the bank 20 ringgit, so make sure you have the money before you write it!" Aunt Heather finished.

The seniors walked out of room 10 terrified by the thought of adulthood and bounced checks. •



Bundle of Boy...

(Continued from p. 2, col. 4) now with an infant. It makes it a challenge. I feel like a pack mule sometimes!" said Mr. Hurlbut.

His daughters, Brittany and Rachel "...are absolutely loving it. John practically has three mothers," Mr. Hurlbut said. The girls want to see their baby brother first thing in the morning and last thing before going to bed. "They love carrying him around; that's their favor-

ite. But we don't let them do that!" said Mr. Hurlbut.

So with their bundle of delightful joy, the Hurlbut's adjust to their new life with baby John Hudson. Students wait eagerly to meet John. "I can't wait to see the baby! It's always so exciting to hear about new babies," said Rachael Caldwell (11).

"May I hold him please, please?" pleads Brittany as she enjoys the long awaited arrival of her baby brother. •

Students Tried Breaking Gravity

By Joseph Lee

Launching the javelin with a hidden brute force, Robert Whiting (9) slightly beat both Ben Masters (12) and Nick Ratzloff (12) by throwing it 40.5 M, gaining a chance at the title. By a stroke of luck Simeon Garratt (11) also managed to place a surprising spot in the finals.

A committee of adults split students up into four different color-coded teams on 27 February

for a satisfying, hunger-quenching pizza party, from the finest of Dominos Pizza. Events ranged from throws, to jumps and runs; but the sprints stole the limelight.

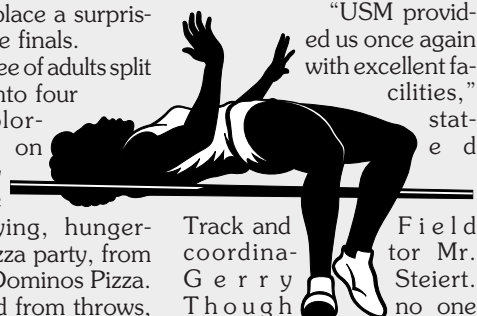
In the 200 M, eight boys made it to the finals, and David Eckman (11) of the Green juggernaut walked

the gold gleefully. "We put together a relay team really quickly just to get Yellow more participation points," said Galloway (12). "It was so hot running at the end of the day that we could see steam coming off the track!"

"USM provided us once again with excellent facilities,"

stated on 27 February

Track and Field coordinator Gerry Steiert. Though no one set new records, Eckman, Seth Galloway (10), Theo Love (11), and Dan Walter's (11) sprint against Mr. Greg Stenlund, Mr. Karl Steinkamp, Mr. Michael



"...they jumped higher than my head!"

Holden, and Mr. Clint Moerer in the final race of the day, a 4x100 M, enticed the entire crowd. The guys beat the old men by two seconds. Through brute strength, Ratzloff (12) outdid Whiting (9) in the final javelin throw and went on to win with 41.7 M. "I was surprised when Robert threw [40.5 meters]; I never thought such a small guy could be so beastly," said Ratzloff. •

Before the sprints stole the scene, student verticals heated up and increased jump after jump in the tight battle for the gold. "Those guys [Jimmy Pham, 11; Hiro Kawabata, 9; Steven Ong, 8; and Eckman] floated; it seemed like they wouldn't come down. They jumped higher than my head!" said Gao Nou Kue (11). After attempting to defy gravity, Eckman leisurely took first in the long jump.

In the 4x100 M, Megan Galloway (12), Jacqui Steiert (11), Rachael Caldwell (11), and Laura Ermis (12) grabbed

entire crowd. The guys beat the old men by two seconds.

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Point/Counterpoint

What's Left?

By Aaron Malcolm

On 5 February, United States Secretary of State Colin Powell sat before the United Nations Security Council and pleaded the case for military action against Iraq yet again. Powell even carried a vial of simulated anthrax with him to demonstrate to the Council how even one terrorist with a small container of a biological agent could kill thousands of innocent civilians. Yet, in spite of the former four-star general's impassioned pleas and seemingly irrefutable evidence against Iraq, the Security Council remained unmoved in its position: no war against Iraq.

Faced with such an unyielding stand from the UN, the U. S. had no alternative but to deliver an ultimatum to Saddam Hussein: surrender and move to a neutral country or face certain invasion by the United States and her allies. Again showing the same defiant spirit that had brought him to defy the United Nations resolutions requiring him to disarm, Hussein refused, vowing to defend his country against the "lawlessness" of the United States and her allies. On 14 March, U.S.-led coalition forces launched Operation Iraqi Freedom: a massive air assault on Iraq, followed swiftly by an equally heavy ground invasion and sustained aerial bombardment.

Even before it began, the war in Iraq faced opponents in almost every corner of the globe: millions of citizens in scores of nations worldwide took up anti-war positions, backed by the governments of France, Germany, and other countries. Yet, the United States and her allies remained steadfast in their commitment to enforce the UN's resolutions to disarm Iraq. Although opposition to the war began in enormous proportions, it has steadily dwindled in size since the war began, largely because the world has begun to see many of the things that the United States and her allies saw all along: torture, war crimes, and the oppressive ruthlessness of a semi-maniacal dictator.

As ground troops have advanced into Iraq occupying cities and taking strategic positions, they have heard countless horror stories of Saddam's brutal treatment of civilians and military personnel alike. The stories of numerous rapes, murders, and torture carried out by Saddam Hussein's secret police and Republican Guard ring with the eerily evil tone of stories told by survivors of Hitler's Nazi regime. Iraq's treatment of allied prisoners of war has borne out the same uncaring, vicious disregard for humanity.

The terms of the Geneva Convention state that prisoners of war must not suffer humiliation, mistreatment, torture, or execution. In the first week of the war, Saddam Hussein has broken all of these rules with allied POW's. Within days of capturing the first allied soldiers, Arab television aired pictures of the executed prisoners lying on the ground, flagrantly violating the terms of the Geneva Convention. Saddam recently released photographs of the two captured American helicopter pilots to international media, again flying in the face of the international agreement. These and other war crimes have caused much of the support Saddam once had to turn against him.

The final reason that the United States and her allies have launched a war in Iraq stems from the fact that no one else has stood up to defend those who cannot defend themselves. In countless times past, the United States has taken the position of saviour: turning the tide in WWII Europe when the world had lost all hope and coming to the aid of an oppressed people in Vietnam in the 1960s and in the Gulf War in the early 1990s. At other times, the United States has shied away from conflict, only joining battle when it suited American interests—as in the case of Afghanistan—where the United States ignored the Taliban regime until threatened by it. However, the United States has taken a step back in the right direction with Operation Iraqi Freedom. By joining with a handful of staunch allies to drive a brutal regime out of power and thus save thousands, perhaps millions of lives—both in Iraq and other nations—the United States has taken a step closer to a just cause. •

World Peace

Extinct from U.S. Instinct?

By Rachel Houmphan

The war between the coalition led by the United States government and Iraq has definitely spurred much discord among the global community. As the U.S. leads the "coalition of the willing" into the war, many Americans see it as "un-American" not to support the war. On the other hand, others would blatantly disagree with the U.S.'s declaring war against Iraq without the support of the United Nations. The hotly debated issue has sparked hundreds of large protests around the world. Should the U.S. have engaged in war against Iraq?

No doubt, Saddam Hussein has ruled the people of Iraq with an iron fist and has oppressed his people for too long. Bush has stated two main purposes in his actions against Iraq: to protect the American people from terrorism and to liberate the people of Iraq. Nevertheless, the Bush government has advanced into Baghdad with no solid justification. In doing so, the U.S. has defied the United Nation's policies and thus has broken international law.

Because the U.S. has taken the notion to defy UN policies, it has not only nullified the authority of the UN; it has also validated the actions of every other aggressor in history. This action also tears down any efforts for world peace. In refusing to comply with the UN, the U.S. has paved the path for other potential wars that may follow in the same fashion.

Although the Iraqis have some weapons of mass destruction, the U.S. itself has 1500 plus nuclear weapons alone and does not agree to disarm until everyone else has. The U.S. accuses other countries of "terrorism" when it has become an aggressive nation itself, using war instead of more diplomatic means to achieve what it wants. Webster's dictionary defines terrorism as: *the use of violence and threats to intimidate or coerce especially for political reasons*. Ironically, in accusing other nations of terrorism, America itself embodies the very fundamental nature of a terrorist nation.

Finally, in its attempts to protect the people of the U.S., the Bush government's decisions may only bring about hatred and danger to its own nation, making it a less safe place and the citizens less accepted by the global community. Other nations besides Iraq desire the same power, including North Korea and Iran. As a matter of fact, Kim Jung Il blatantly spits in the face of America; and yet the U.S. has decided to attack Iraq first.

History only repeats itself. Since World War II, the U.S. has invaded 19 other countries, and not one of them has established a successful democratic government that follows basic human rights. The U.S. initially claimed that it would liberate Iraq and then give control over to the UN once the war ended. Bush later stated, however, that the U.S. would take the main part in "rebuilding" Iraq.

Through bombings and artillery, innocent civilians and brave soldiers have died because of this three-lettered word: w-a-r. But how would the American government understand this? Only one member of the House and Senate has a child in military, and that child does not take part in active duty.

The U.S. may claim to have a "coalition of the willing," but President Bush has no doubt faced a rather hard time trying to acquire more support for the war. As much conviction as it may have, the U.S. obviously needs more proof in order to gain the willing support it desires as opposed to the grudging support it has. Or else it needs to reveal a bit more of that "unknown" information to the rest of the world. It has had a "gut feeling" that Saddam Hussein has a link with Osama Bin Laden but has not obtained factual proof after two years of searching.

In the end it all boils down to one question: instinct or the initiations to corruption of the UN's efforts for world peace? •



Occasional talking and the sound of pacing footsteps echoed through the empty high school locker hallways on Thursday. Hungry students sat in class excitedly anticipating the bell announcing the beginning of their 15-minute break. But the blaring of a siren instantly interrupted their thoughts, abruptly putting a halt to all activities. The sharp shrill resonated through all of Tanjung Bunga; silence invaded every classroom as teachers cracked open their classroom doors and listened for instructions on where to take students: "Fox Trot Charlie!"

Recent world events with terrorism and war have continually lurked in everybody's mind. The Dalat staff wants the students to be prepared in case of an emergency. As a result, the school

has pursued and installed a new alarm system, along with new escape plans to ensure the safety of each and every person.

"Although Penang is believed to be an extremely safe place," said Mr. Karl Steinkamp, "there could be the possibility of terrorism; and safety precautions need to be taken. The alarm system is a necessary evil; we wish we didn't have to have it, but we have to because of the world we live in today."

Besides having a new alarm system, the school has also taken other safety measures. They have removed the Dalat logo and the blue and yellow stripes from all the vans as well as enforced new regulations on cars and lorries coming into and parking on campus.

In addition to these safety precautions, dorm students also have to follow to stricter rules when going off-campus. Usually, if accompanied by a friend, and with the approval of their

dorm parent, dorm students can freely wander around Hillside and nearby shopping complexes. But now, unless accompanied by a dorm parent or an adult supervisor, dorm students cannot go off campus. These rules serve to protect the safety of dorm students during this critical period of war.

Needless to say, this new rule has taken away many personal freedoms and as a result created some complaining among dorm students towards the relevance of it all. Lisa Nakanouchi (12) said, "I don't understand; day kids get to get off campus. I don't see their parents telling them they don't get to go out. I'm stuck here on campus 24/7; I mean if we were in any sort of danger, this school would be the most dangerous place to be, not out in Gurney [Plaza]!"

Even some day students feel that these rules have affected them. Daniel Walter (11) said, "On Friday nights, I feel very restricted—not because I am restricted—but because all of my friends are."

With obvious reasons, an increasing number of drills came along with this new improved security system. The drills, aimed towards practicing the plans that the administrative team has previously designed, will ensure that staff and students know what to do if a real emergency takes place. But in reality, the drills only cause one of the two kinds

of emotions within students: fear and anxiety or apathy and laziness. One night at around midnight, the alarm went of striking a fear in many dorm students' minds. Ben Masters (12) said, "Daniel Whiting (12) was out on the courts in the matter of minutes, and you would think that was it; but you're wrong! He was ready to go; he had a backpack filled with an extra change of clothes, some food, and a clean pair of socks."

Not all students have such a high sense of alertness as Whiting; Aaron Malcolm (12), for example, responded to the increasing number of drills with this statement: "There are so many drills it's unbelievable! I'm getting to the point where I don't care. One day, I'll be in the shower with loud music on, and a real alarm will go off! I'll just think it's a drill and keep showering. Then, I'll burn up in spite of the cooling water because it was my dorm that was on fire."

"Fox Trot Charlie!" The repeated words sharply pierced everybody's mind.

Students rose from their desks and headed towards the secret destination. Sam Lee (10) quietly mumbled to himself, "I can't believe they're taking away our break again! These drills are so dumb!"

What "Fox Trot Charlie" means, has to remain a secret to the public. The school has classified this as "top-secret." •

THOSE INDOOR KIND OF GIRLS

By Kara Mangham

"Who's playing tonight?" David Eckman (11) asked Ben Masters (12) as they made their way to the gym.

"I think it's Red against Black," Masters answered thoughtfully as he checked his watch to make sure he would get to the game on time.

As they opened the door to the gymnasium, sounds of laughter and the echoing sound of the indoor soccer ball hitting the gym walls greeted them. Eckman smiled as he climbed up onto the bleachers and looked out over the court. Taking a seat on the bleachers he called after Masters, "It doesn't really matter who's playing. It's always fun to watch girls' indoor."

At the start of the quarter, the campus buzzed with the pros-

pect of girls' indoor soccer kicking off again after an entire year of nonexistence. "I'm really glad indoor got started again," said Emily Sheddan (12). "I'm afraid of the ball and some players, but Kylee [Spangler, 10] keeps reminding me they are just girls."

Initiated and structured by Spangler and Miss Shannon McCabe, the formally organized tournament turned into a casual Monday evening club. Each week color coordinated teams of girls faced off in friendly 30-minute matches. The games not only allowed for the girls to have a great time getting to know one another, but also provided a vigorous workout.

Terri-Lynn Frenz (12) exclaimed, "I love the exercise! It's so fun playing with and against

your friends, especially when it's not competitive. Plus it's been a good chance for the female students to get to know the female staff."

Frenz does not stand alone in her appreciation for the created bond between students and staff. Echoing her sentiment, Laura Ermis (12) said, "I'm really getting a chance to bond with people who didn't play outdoor soccer as well as continuing to bond with the girls who did. The staff women help keep it organized and make it fun."

Although the players on each team thoroughly enjoyed playing the games, those who filled the bleachers from 6:15 to 7:30 also took great pleasure in watching the sport and its participants. Dan Whiting (12) com-

mented on how much more enjoyment the games held as opposed to other activities that students occupy themselves with. "It's better than gluing change to the ground and then watching people try and pick it up!" said he.

As the sound of Masters's whistle bounced off the gym walls and the girls finally stopped running, Eckman jumped off the bleachers to congratulate them on a great game. "Nice job Tina [Wolfe, 11]. Way to go Jessica Friesen, 11], nice goal."

"Enjoy the game?" asked Masters.

Eckman thought back, but soon found himself looking forward to the following Monday. "Yeah, of course I did. These games are never boring." •

Banding Together in Bangkok

By Nick Ratzloff

"We are now officially going to Bangkok for our band trip," Mr. Kerry Mahoney said to his concert band. Cheers rang out in the room and anticipation mounted for the day that they planned to leave, 19 February.

"I was so excited I would get to see my mom," Johnny Kue (9) said happily.

The day arrived, and the bus pulled out for the 18-hour trip from Penang to Thailand's capital.

Once they had entered Thailand, they had planned to board a new bus to take them the rest of the way. The "luxury, double-decker coach" didn't meet their expectations. "I knew we were in Thailand when I got on the bus and smelt the wonderful odor," Caleb Masters (10) said

in disgust. "But it was definitely worth it," he added hurriedly.

Once in Bangkok, the bus drivers finally found the C&MA guest house. After 18-hours in a bus, the students enjoyed their air-con rooms and nice long showers.

About an hour after they had

of Bangkok to rehearse with the other bands from the International School of Kuala Lumpur and the International Community School.

A special guest conductor had come out from the University of Montana to help the



arrived and eaten, they headed off to the International School

bands. "Dr. Cook was one of those guys who just loved any-

thing and everything," said Ben DeVette (9). Most everyone agreed that he helped them learn a lot of good things.

In three days they practiced a total of four times, and they held one performance. During late afternoons and at night, the students went out to eat and to malls where they shopped and took in the sights and sounds of Bangkok. "I love Bangkok so much; I want to go back again right now," Sam Lee (10) said excitedly.

One of the highlights of the trip for most included a tour of the Grand Palace and a boat ride to a snake show. "As you can see the snake is real," "the snake has no legs," and "get your cameras ready," became commonly used phrases among band students after the show.

The group arrived back at the guest house for a final shower before the long ride home—this time on a much nicer bus. •

Once in a Lifetime

By Sarah Podenak

"Once upon a time," began Mr. Chris Thompson as wide eyes gazed up at him from the comfy pillows in the story-time corner of the first-grade classroom.

Mr. Thompson came to Dalat to serve as a student teacher because of his innate love for Asia and a desire to provide the basics of education for MKs. Coming from negative 10 degrees Fahrenheit at Geneva

College in Pennsylvania to the humid, 30-plus degrees Celsius atmosphere of Malaysia, Thompson got everything he expected and more.

"I haven't really hit culture shock yet; the staff has kept me pretty busy; they have been so welcoming. I haven't really had time to miss the cold," he reflected.

Between teaching a rowdy

group of first graders and taking seven-hour hikes with Mr. Mike Holden, Thompson has come to appreciate all that Asia has to offer. "The worst thing so far was the dried octopus coated with a spicy red powder; other than that, I really enjoy trying all the new food," he said.

Thompson heard about Dalat at a missionary convention and filed the tiny school in the back of his mind.

Later, when he was given the opportunity to travel to Penang and educate first graders, he jumped at it. "I like teaching first

grade because I can really see them developing. You can watch students grow throughout their academic life and know that you gave them the foundation they needed. You helped them learn to read!" he explained.

Mrs. Lori Carlblom happily accepted his help and said, "It is nice that he has a strong foundation in his education; it has been fun to watch him teach."

Back at the end of story-time, Mr. Thompson concluded, "And they lived happily ever after," and closed the book. •

Rock, Rock, ROCK!

By Jane Chang

"Let me see—I've got my English folder, my math book, my Bible folder—did I forget anything?" Sophia Hoshi (12) asked herself in a soft murmur as she packed her bag at the end of the day. With considerable effort, she slung the heavy backpack over her shoulder and fidgeted with the pile of books and folders in her arms. Around her, students milled noisily, many with bright smiles on their faces. Hoshi soon felt herself smiling too. For the first time in many weeks, she expelled the thoughts

of homework from her mind and began to think excitedly of the long weekend looming ahead.

Students spent the long weekend in various ways, many using the time to unwind and relax from stressful previous weeks. Others used the time to do extra studying for classes.

"Although I would have wanted to have a complete vacation and not do any work, I couldn't afford to do that over the long weekend. Apart from completing assignments, I also

started preparing for my AP exams this May and worked on materials for college," said Bonnie Chang (12).

Others decided to invest quality time with family members. "After finishing homework, I went to visit my grandmother at her house and cooked for her. I thought it was important for me to be with my loved ones before I leave them next year," Hoshi commented.

But most students grabbed the chance to get away from their studies. "I just hung out with my friends, played some basketball and soccer, and went to the beach," said Howard Kao (9).

"Crystal Tsai (11) said, "Our dorm went to Batu [Ferringhi]

and walked along the beach, playing in the sand. Afterwards, we went swimming."

"We went to Cameron Highlands. Although it was cold and freezing, the flowers were gorgeous; and I enjoyed the scenery and spending time with my friends," said Valerie Eddins (12).

As she reached home, Hoshi carefully put away her backpack and books and immediately jumped on the sofa. She flicked the TV to her favorite channel. "I believe in balancing activities; I spent my long weekend doing some work, some chores—and of course, I made sure to spend some time just lazily relaxing in front of the TV," she said. •

'How About a Little Safety There, Ladies?'

By Emily Sheddan

Pacing your way up the stairs to make it across the upper field before dark, you suddenly hear what sounds like planks of wood tumbling over one another like an avalanche. Curiosity grabs you, and the last few minutes left prior to daylight vanishing have lost their worth. You make a 90-degree turn and rush to the shop doors to have a peek. To your surprise, you see a number of staff ladies handling huge saws, massive drills, heavy hammers, and very long nails!

Every Monday evening from 6:30-9:00, turned into a ladies' shop session with Mr. Jake DeLeeuw and Mr. Carlo Hansen. Several responses to Mr. DeLeeuw's invitation to build and make things at the beginning of the semester sparked the activity. "I was asked by one of the ladies if she could build

something, so I sent out an e-mail to all of the them; and everybody wanted to. That was all I needed, and here we are, building lots of things from CD racks to tables," said Mr. DeLeeuw.

The new carpenters each worked on an individual project. Several came up with their own thing to build like shelves and small tables, but others kept it simple and chose easier objects that already had a model to follow like lamps and coaster holders

"Since Tara [Mrs. Stenlund] and I both wanted sofa tables for our living rooms, we decided to make ours together. We'll take turns with sanding or sawing or hammering," said Mrs. Jacki Steinkamp.

"Yes, we are trying to make our tables like Robin's [Mrs. Mahoney], but I don't think they will turn out as pretty as hers," added Mrs. Stenlund.

"I just really like little knick-

knack things around my house, so I'm making a stationery box. It'll come in handy for all the letters I receive in the mail," said Ms. Julie Miller.

Although the entertainment and joyful time spent together outweighed the sweat, continuous concentration, and fear of a hammer coming down on one of their fingers, the staff ladies quickly realized that wood working took a whole lot more skill, hard work, and patience than expected.

"Staining is so messy, and I have to be so careful with it; but being up here and working with the machines helps me not to be completely inept when I'm explaining the tools to my students," commented Mrs. Karen Robertson.

"It's really hard, but pounding stuff is a really good stress reliever when you've had a long day at

school," said Ms. Maike Horn.

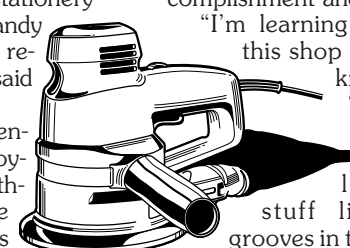
"Well, I do have to be extremely careful; but I haven't lost any fingers yet. It's going pretty well," said Mrs. Barb Case.

With Mr. DeLeeuw and Mr. Hansen's help, each Monday night ended with smiles of accomplishment and fellowship.

"I'm learning so much in this shop class. I never knew I could 'dado' and 'rabbit' which is the little tricky stuff like putting grooves in the wood. I'm really enjoying myself," said Ms. Nancy McMahan.

Mr. Hansen mentioned, "It's been fun watching the ladies learn. Its good for them to use their hands in addition to their heads every once in awhile."

You quietly chuckle to yourself while continuing to peer through the small glass opening in the door. Voices and expressions on ladies' faces reveal how much fun takes place. As you turn to hurry home before your mom sends out a search party, Mr. DeLeeuw's voice raises above the loud noise from the machines and says, "How about a little safety there ladies!" •



Senioritis—Are You Infected?

By Ben Masters

On a tiny island in Malaysia reports of a most serious outbreak have started pouring in. Students at Dalat International School have begun to suffer from a strange disease...Senioritis. This horrible virus attacks seemingly normal people and turns them into mindless drones.

"Our brains stop functioning and we are in La-la Land," said Lisa Nakanouchi (12). Fortunately the virus seems to attack only a certain group of students.

This disease has become most evident in seniors. Although the cause is unknown, it seems long-term. Beth Farnum (12) said, "I have been suffering from senioritis since August."

But how can one define senioritis? Daniel Whiting (12) explained, "Senioritis is the realization that there are more important things in life than school. Senioritis is a perpetual Monday morning. Those who have it want nothing more than to stay in bed

clinging to the weekend."

Kara Mangham (12) commented, "Senioritis is when you don't even know what homework you have because it all looks the same. You've become tired of the 'important' things in life. You either want to be 80 in a rocking chair on a porch or five years old when all you have to stress about is how you are going to finish your dessert."

The locals have come to a general consensus that this vi-

rus provokes feelings of "unimportance" and indifference concerning schoolwork. This causes trouble for the contaminated victims because they don't turn in their work. (Luckily, since the side effects of the virus include apathy, their grade dropping proves quite painless.)

Aaron Malcolm (12), the resident expert on everything, summed it all up when he said, "Senioritis is the term used to describe the state of mind when the phrase 'Thanks for Sharing' has become the answer to every question." •

Skies High Up

By Bonnie Chang

"Quick, look at the fireworks display!" Howard Kao (9) exclaimed to his mother, turning her attention to the glowing spectacle of colors illuminating the night sky. In late January this year, Kao and many others around the world participated in the festive celebration of Chinese New Year.

During the Chinese New Year

holiday, many students had the opportunity to spend time with family members. Some even traveled out of the country to meet with their families. "I went to Singapore to visit my relatives, and all my relatives came back; and we had dinner together. I also received a lot of red packets," Sophia Hoshi (12) said with a smile.

"I was in Taiwan at the time, and the government held a new year's celebration at the government center. It was crowded with people, especially since there was a popular singer who came to give a concert. Then fireworks and lanterns went up in the air—it was just beautiful and amazing!" I-Sha Chen (11) remarked.

Those who did not travel anywhere had a similar memorable experience welcoming the

Year of the Goat. "I celebrated my Chinese New year in Penang. At night, my whole family ate dinner together, and then we played cards. I had a great time," said Terry Hsiang.

As he returned home, Kao immediately joined his father and cousins to play card games. Bright red lanterns dangled around the house, and a spread of home-cooked food lay on the table, with friends and family (Continued on p. 8, column 1)

BURMESE MAKE-OVER

"I didn't bring any homework with me," I warned my team members as I climbed into the van to start the journey to Burma.

On 2 May, 12 students and four adults left for a mission's trip to Bago, Myanmar, to hold an Evangelism Explosion clinic. "Not a one of us could imagine the make-over we were about to go through," said Terri-Lynn Frentz (12). Truly, every student should take EE course and go on the missions trip.

The spiritual aspect of our make-over started in the Singapore airport during a team meeting when Uncle Tom Mangham asked each trainer to share one thing we wanted God to do in us and one thing we wanted God to do through us. By the end of the trip most of us could easily see how God had answered our requests.

On the first day of the clinic, the trainers began their physical make-over as the females applied traditional Burmese sandalwood makeup, and the males adopted the traditional *longis* [*sarongs*] that all Burmese men wore. Besides the physical make-over, the personal make-over started as the love between the trainers and trainees began to visibly blossom.

The next day we prepared for our on-the-job-training. Everyone had to endure a lot of painstaking translation and slow, clear talking before he or she got through the Gospel presentation, but a large group of people accepted the gift of eternal life. It took about five seconds to fall in love with the sweet Burmese people; and after they accepted Christ as their Saviour, we could confidently tell them that we would see each other again in Heaven if not on earth. This team barely dented the multitude of unreached people; classes in the future can continue to carry the Message through EE.

The EE class trains and equips people to share their faith—which God commands us to do in the Bible. It takes away any fear of not knowing what to say, and it gives us the ability to witness. Later on as equipped students, we can use what we have learned. Most students went with the goal of sharing the Gospel, and they did; but they came back with the realization that they had grown in their relationship with Christ.

The Burmese listened to us and accepted us so openly that no one on the team wanted to leave. No one wanted to go back to write English papers or do math problems when we could so clearly see the awesome work of God, but we did have to leave; and that proved a harder task than expected. Hopefully, this marked the beginning of our make-over and not the end as the distractions of missed schoolwork ruthlessly brought us back to reality. •

By Beth Farnum, Issue Editor

on his last test. At lunch he spilled grape juice on his pants, leaving a nasty and embarrassing stain. Then later in the day he failed to watch his step, walked into a ditch, and got all cut up.

On his return from school, he noticed an envelope in his mailbox. His eagerness beamed through every cut, gash, frown and stain as he read the package. Yes; finally a ray of sunshine in this gloomy and terrible day, a letter from the Northwest Academy in Florida! It contained a letter, "Not just any letter," thought Troy, "but *the* letter!"

Mr. Sullivan:

We at the prestigious Northwest Academy are honoured by your show of interest in our school. You are a fine student, gifted both academically and socially. We have every confidence in your ability to succeed in life. However, not in our school you won't!

Yours truly, sincerely, warmly, genuinely,

Ronald Dunsfield

Nearly every senior faces the fear, known as "Sullivan Syndrome," at some point. "When I received my letter of rejection, I was heartbroken. I felt as though I had caught a fleeting, breathtaking glimpse of my first love—then had her slip out of reach forever," stated Aaron Malcolm. (12)

Rachel Houmphan (12) said: "At first I would be sad; I would probably cry. I might even feel like I would never succeed in life. But eventually I'd get over it."

Even juniors have put some thought into overcoming the Sullivan Syndrome. Zac Riggenbach (11) suggests: "If at first you don't succeed, try again."

With dampened spirits, Troy trudged to his room. "How am I ever going to accomplish anything in life?" he questioned. Sensing his dismay, his mother knocked on the door and gave him a short speech.

"Troy," she started, "being accepted is important to anyone and everyone, but being accepted by this world is not everything. As long as you live completely for God you will be a success in my eyes and in His."

Troy stared at the ceiling of his room and considered this. "Thanks mom!" he whispered. Troy had learned a valuable lesson that day, a lesson he hoped never to forget. •

Pass the Spaghetti Please!

By Terri-Lynn Frentz

Once upon a time in a small town in Italy, there lived a woman by the name of Zingarella. This amazing lady not only healed people and helped those who had problems, but she also possessed a magic pasta pot. One day a boy named Luigi learned his lesson the hard way. No one should ever mess with that mysterious pasta pot.

On 18 March at 2:00 P.M., the Elementary Drama Club, which included 13 students from

grade four and grade five, performed the comical play "The Magic Pasta Pot." Parents, elementary teachers, and students from the kindergarten and grade two class quickly filed into the chapel so as not to miss any minute of the play. Said Mrs. Beth Steiert, a mom, "[It was an] extremely good first attempt of acting."

Under the guidance of Mrs. Lori Carlblom and Ms. Nancy McMahan, the Drama Club put a month's work of preparation into the play. Brandt Hodgson (4), who played Luigi, and Bethany Weidemann (4), playing Zingarella, had the two lead roles in the play. Said Hodgson through a smile, "I had a lot of fun acting."

Weidemann also agreed with a grin, "[It was] hard work but fun."

Amidst the fun, the play proved a good learning experience for the students. Reflecting back, Mrs. Carlblom commented, "It was a good chance for the kids to learn how to act.

They all felt that for the next play, more time should be spent learning how to memorize lines and projecting their voices." Ms. Mac felt the same way as she simply stated, "Learning lines takes time."

As for poor Luigi, he went home that day with one full stomach of spaghetti. Zingarella proved no help solving his problem this time. In fact, Luigi might not show his face for a couple of days. One town full of spaghetti can put any man in his bed with a huge stomachache. •

Sullivan Syndrome

By Daniel Whiting

The breeze carried the merry sound of bird song to the ear of Troy Sullivan as he packed up his books and headed for home. This joyous sound reached his ear as the only good part of his day so far. He had awakened half an hour late and had missed breakfast. In math class he discovered that he had scored a 42 percent

Chinese New Year...

(Continued from p. 7, col. 4) members milling around, eating, laughing and talking. Despite the late hour, Kao had no intentions of retiring to bed. "I think I stayed up almost the whole night. I got to meet many of my aunts, uncles and cousins; and I also received a lot of red packets. But I think I [lost] most of the money that same night," Kao recalled with a grin. •

Here She Comes to Save the Day!

By Laura Ermis

Nervously, seniors began to fill out their applications for college, writing their essays, and getting their transcripts. Each senior became stressed over making sure he or she had completed everything.

Second semester came along, and things started to get a lot more hectic with college creeping around the corner. And right in the nick of time, "College Woman" Miss Ruth Strong stepped in.

Miss Strong hangs around

campus, trying to make herself known. She loves to "...talk with students, and [to her] they are all characters."

In an interview Miss Strong said, "At my last job I was in charge of as many students that are in the whole population here at Dalat, so I love it that I am able to get to know more people here and build stronger one-on-one relationships."

Miss Strong "...lives for her work; [this] confirms [to her] that she is doing what God has

planned for her." She plans to stay at Dalat for at least two years but "...hopes to be here a lot longer."

Miss Strong loves the outdoors and doing outdoor activities such as hiking. She also plays indoor soccer with the high school girls as well as the other staff women.

The most curious question students have posed to Miss Strong concerns her monitor lizard. She reports that the lizard "...has been gone for about

two weeks now," but she is nervous to leave over summer because "...no one will be here to flush him down the toilet...I'll come back, and he'll be dead."

Miss Strong's plans for the summer include "... going back to my home state of California, where I will visit my family in Redding. I also have two weddings to go to for my friends in Santa Cruz; I am so excited."

Miss Strong did not seem homesick when talking about back home, but she does confess to missing—just like many of her students—that good, old, fast-food place—Taco Bell. •

GETTIN' THE POWER

...SCHOOL, THAT IS

By Sophia Hoshi

Many students would like to improve their grades, and to do so they need to know their latest grades for each subject so that they can understand their weaknesses. They need to know what they should improve—homework, tests, pop quizzes, or class involvement.

Perhaps class participation may be the one thing that pulls their grade down. "PowerSchool" allows students (and parents) to check all this grade information.

Available on both school and home computers, PowerSchool helps keep parents and students up-to-date with their schoolwork. All students have to do is go to the website and log in. Each student has his or her own password, and that allows him or her to check grades at any time.

"PowerSchool makes me

work harder than ever because I check my grades often, and I know what are my weaknesses or which homework I haven't turned in yet," said I-Sha Chan (11).

"Since parents also have access to PowerSchool, they can check our grades anytime they want, even in the middle of the quarter. Therefore they can put



on more pressure. It makes us work hard all time which is good," stated Julia Cheong (10).

Parents like PowerSchool as they can check their children's grades anytime they want.

During study hall, Jane Chang (12) tried to figure out what subjects she should improve. "I feel it is good that I can have an update of my scores. It allows me to have a clue how I am doing and which courses I should improve in," she said.

The administration and teachers have urged students all to log on to PowerSchool often because it will allow students to know their latest grades and provide motivation! •

The New Irwins

By Audra Duclos

"They are the best dorm parents I've ever had next to the Miners!" exclaimed Aaron Malcolm (12).

Three weeks into second semester, Jaffray Dorm received new dorm parents. The group of four—Aunt Ingrid, Uncle George, Katrina, and Christopher—came from the mountains of North Carolina. There, they held an active role in church. In this huge change they seem to have adjusted well.

Aunt Ingrid has adjusted well and enjoys her time; "[I'm] happy in doing God's will," she said. She finds running a dorm entertaining and relatively easy. At her house in North Carolina, scads of kids of different ages always ran around.

Since her arrival in Penang, she has even learned to drive. "It's really something else to drive on the wrong side of the road," she said.

Uncle George, who graduated

from Dalat in 1980, has noted a strange change in his role; he's moved from "student" to "authority figure." He said, "Things aren't too bad here. The weather is no problem, but it's a lot different from the mountains."

Uncle George really enjoys having all the kids around and has no problem getting to know them. "It takes time to really learn the little things that make everyone different," he explained.

Katrina (10), the older of the two children, has not had any trouble making new friends. "I'm enjoying it here as much as God knew I would be," she said calmly during study hall one night.

Christopher, on the other hand, has filled the air with laughter, using wit and humor to adjust to the recent change. Both in the eighth grade and in the dorm, he has created a light-hearted mood.

As they go into the fourth quarter, the Irwins continue to develop friendships with their dorm kids. Although Penang has few similarities to the mountains of North Carolina, the Irwins have proved they can handle change. The dorm kids appreciate their effort. "They are a lot of fun to live with. They are laid back, and we all just enjoy life," said Amy Stoothoff (11). •

"Sweat" Success

By Derrick Hsiang

"Go!" everyone screamed as the sound of the gun went off; Jessica Friesen (10) pushed off the starting block like a bullet for the 800 M run. She finished triumphantly in first place.

The MSSPP track and field meet began on Monday, 3 March at Universiti Sains Malaysia. Six schools from the island attended the MSSPP, including nine members from

Dalat. Mr. Gerry Steiert and Mr. Nara helped trained the team for MSSPP, which paid off because five members from Dalat took top places.

Seth Galloway (10), who placed fifth in the 400 M, stated, "We did really well considering the fact that we did not train much compared to the other

schools that have more well developed programs."

A returning player who specializes in field events, Nick Ratzloff (12), once again placed second in the discus and third in shot put.

Another member of the team, Theo Love (11) demonstrated (Continued on page 10, col. 1)

Rrrrrrrr!



By Lisa Nakanouchi

“What would you do, if you couldn’t talk, and had to communicate with him?” The Dating Game continued as Uncle Keith Henderson asked the question to the four bachelorette’s. As Alex Sneed (8) sat on the other side of the panel, Natalie Herring (10), Karen Wong (11), Stephanie Ens (7), and Rachel Houmphan (12) each thought to herself of what to say; some had grins on their faces.

Instead of having a Valentine’s Banquet for all students, the dorm staff held and hosted a

dorm kids’ Valentine’s Dinner. The dorm parents decorated the chapel with lots of hearts: on stage, hanging from the ceiling, and on the tables. Tina Wolfe (11) said, “It was red!” when she saw the Valentine’s colour in the chapel.

While dorm students helped themselves to Hershey Kisses and chatted, dorm parents went around each table and served a delicious dinner that the kitchen had prepared. Although some students made fun of their dorm parents for having to serve them,

Aunt Heather Kelly said, “It was a good opportunity for the dorm staff to demonstrate servant leadership.”

Many students enjoyed the dinner as did Philip Houmphan (11), who savoured every bit of it saying, “The lemon water was very interesting.”

As the dorm students enjoyed their dinner, they also got to sing-along with various video clips from love songs such as “Can You Feel the Love Tonight?” from The Lion King. Uncle Mark Hill, and Uncle Keith Henderson also hosted games as part of the entertainment. Uncle Mark Hill emceed “Kid’s Say the Darneest Thing,” and Uncle Keith Henderson

hosted “The Dating Game.”

Although the dorm Valentine’s Dinner took a lot of time and energy for the dorm parents, the evening ended with dorm students enjoying themselves and appreciating the hard work that the dorm parents had put into it.



“Bachelorette number four?” Uncle Keith Henderson asked into the microphone. The audience’s attention focused from Herring’s to Houmphan.

“Rrrrrr!” Houmphan rolled her tongue loud, and clearly. Sneed made a face clearly appalled by the answer, while the audience cheered and laughed.

MSSPP Track...

(Continued from page 9, col. 4) his ability in the long distance event with amazing endurance, and subsequently took third in the 5000 M.

Joey Latsha (8), one of the youngest males on the team, placed third in shot put, discus, and javelin in the under 15-boys’ division.

“I learned the importance of having to train because it really

pays off. I thought it was good that Dalat got to participate in MSSPP and get out into the community,” David Eckman (11) remarked.

At the end of the long day, everyone went home with a smile

because the anxiety and tension had ended. But the top eight players of each event will continue to undergo training, hoping to perform successfully in the upcoming competition for Penang State. •