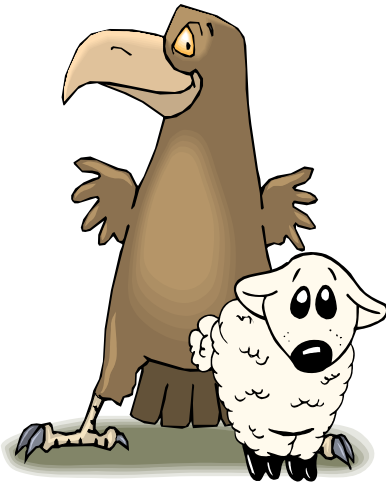


# THE EAGLET

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## Dalat's MSSPP Winners ...certainly a supple group!

By: Angela Steiert



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After only a few weeks of training, many athletic Dalat students felt prepared for the MSSPP Track and Field event. For many Middle Schoolers, it was their first year in Under 15, and it was a few people's last year in Under 12. There was a large number of people from Dalat competing this year and many of them made it to state! Here are their names:

**Honour Adleta (8)**  
– 800m Final

**Se Chan Hwang (8)**  
– High Jump, Shot Put

**Frances Wong (7)**  
– 100m Hurdles, 200m Final

**Angela Steiert (7)**  
– 100m Hurdles

**Jirawat Keratith-arakul (6)** - Long Jump (Gold), Triple Jump (Gold),

**Joseph Kim (6)** – Triple Jump.

Several of these Dalat athletes have the chance to compete at state against many more schools during the week of March 27 to March 31.

If you look on the last page of this publication you can see a chart of all the people who competed in MSSPP this year. Many people are excited to have made it this far and plan to continue competing as the years go by. If you feel you have any Track and Field talent or would like to develop your talent in this area, maybe you should join MSSPP next year!

For a chart of the results, please turn to page 2 and 3.

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### Calendar of Events

- ~ March 31<sup>st</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- ~ April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> – MEW
- ~ April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday (No School)
- ~ April 28<sup>th</sup> – Science Fair/Q 4 Progress Reports
- ~ May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Band Concert
- ~ May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8 Trip

## Where Do You Like to Spend Your Money?

The not –so startling results of a survey  
conducted by Joycelyn Woo



Shop? Eat? Or watch a movie? What is your ideal way to spend time at Gurney? Six out of eleven people who replied to the survey said that they go to Gurney to shop, eat, and watch a movie. Three of these eleven students claimed to go to Gurney only to eat and watch movies. Only one person surveyed said that he/she goes to Gurney to shop and eat, not to go to the movies. Another person said that he/she goes to watch a movie and shop, but not to eat.

The hot spot eating place in Gurney Mall is

McDonalds: all nine people surveyed who go to Gurney eat go to McDonalds! Dominoes, is quite popular too; five out of nine people surveyed eat at Dominoes. Some other places that people like to go to eat are Coffee Bean, Sushi King, A&W, and Nandos. Popular places that people go shopping at are Hot Market, Big Book Shop, Popular Books, Factory Outlet Store (FOS), Reject Shop, MPH, Toys R' Us, Parkson, and the Nike Shop.

When asked which place she likes to hang out at Gurney, Lakshmi Meyyappan

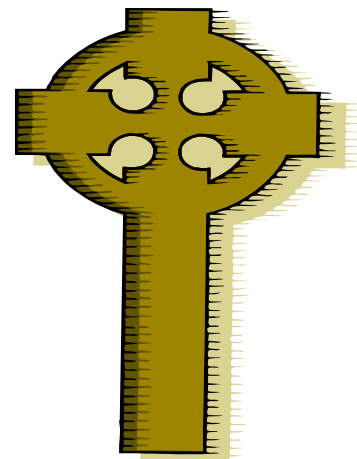
(7) said, “I only go when I need to buy gifts for friends, if my mother needs to go to Cold Storage, or if I NEED stationary. I go to Hot Market and Big Bookshop for gifts, and anything else that I might need, like stationary. I pretty much do everything on the 3rd floor, even Parkson.”

Theresa Phan (7) said, “Sometimes I go to Hot Market for funky stuff like cheap belts and stuff. Sometimes I go to MPH to buy books.”



# THE STORY OF ST. PATRICK

## COMPILED BY: BREANNA ROBERTS



On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in Irish communities around the world. It's the anniversary of his death in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. For thousands of years, the Irish have made this day a religious as well as national-holiday.

St. Patrick was a missionary. He was born in Britain around 388 AD into a Christian Romano-British family during the final years of the Roman occupation of Britain. At that time Britain was Christian and Ireland was pagan. As a teenager, Patrick was kidnapped by sea raiders and sold into slavery in Ireland. For years he was a

shepherd there. During this time Patrick learned the Irish language and customs, and became determined to become a missionary to convert Ireland to Christianity. After six years in captivity, he escaped and somehow managed to board a ship bound for Britain.

Since Patrick's experiences made him motivated by the idea of converting the Irish to Christianity. He studied the bible in the monastery of Lerins on an island off the southeast coast of France. Patrick also went to Auxerre, France, and studied religion under a French bishop. His religious superiors were reluc-

tant to let him return to Ireland as a missionary, because he did not have much formal education. However, they did and this paved the way for Patrick's later becoming the patron saint of Ireland.

In northern and western Ireland, no one had ever preached Christianity before. This is where Patrick began his work. He gained the trust and friendship of several tribal leaders and soon made many converts. Patrick founded more than 300 churches and baptized more than 120,000 people. He brought in clergymen for his new churches from England

and France. Patrick preached in Ireland the rest of his life and was mostly responsible for converting the Irish people to Christianity. Because of this, he became known as the Apostle to the Irish. He is recognized as Ireland's patron saint as a result of his work.

### Fascinating Facts — Compiled by Joycelyn



- ~ There were 43, 687 toilet related accidents in the United States in 1996.
- ~ On average, a person will spend about five years eating during his or her lifetime.
- ~ Drivers kill more deer than hunters.

- ~ When your face blushes, the lining of your stomach turns red, too!
- More people die from coconuts than they do from shark attacks.
- ~ A cockroach can live up to 9 days without its head.

### Dalat Int'l School MSSPP Track & Field Competitors ; Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Event	Name	Time
Long Jump	Joseph Kim (6)	8:00
100m Heat	Frances Wong (7)	9:17
100m Heat	Harry Mak (7) Matt Nguyen	9:35
100m Hurdles Semi Final	Angela Steiert (7) Frances Wong (7)	2:16
100m Semi Final	Lakshmi Meyyappan (7)	3:56
Shot Put	Ben Weidemann(5) Jeffery Hsiao (6)	4:00
100m Semi Final	Reagan Mahoney (5) Jordan Nagel (6)	4:56
100m Semi Final	Frances Wong	5:05
1.5K Final	Honour Adleta	5:29

**Dalat's MSSPP Competitors, Continued****Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

200m Heat	Angela Steiert (7)	8:21
200m Heat	Harry Mak (7)	8:45
High Jump	Se Chan Hwang (8)	10:15
200m Semi Final	Reagan Mahoney (5)	12:37
Javelin	Se Chan Hwang (8)	4:16
4x200 Semi Final Relay	Jordan N. (6) Jirawut K. (6)	

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

800m Semi Final	Honour Adleta (8)	8:20
800m Semi Final	Frank Cheng (8)	8:30
Triple Jump	Jirawut Keeratitharakul (6)	10:00
4X100m SF Relay	Jordan N (6) Jirawut K (6) Ben W (5) Reagan M (5)	11:50
Long Jump	Jirawut Keeratitharakul (6)	2:30
Shot Put	Se Chan Hwang (8) Harry Mak (7)	2:30
100m Hurdles Final	Angela Steiert (7) Frances Wong (7)	3:10
200m Semi Final	Angela Steiert (7) Frances Wong (7)	3:56
200m Semi Final	Harry Mak (7) Matt Nguyen (8)	4: 02
4x100m Semi Final Relay	Angela S (7) Frances W (7) Khalie M (7) Honour A (8)	4:30

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

200m Final	Reagan Mahoney (5) Jordan Nagel (6)	11:26
200m Final	Frances Wong (7)	11:29
200m Semi Final	Harry Mak (7)	11:32
Shot Put	Angela Steiert (7)	2:45

**Monday, March 6**

800m Final	Honour Adleta (8)	2:30
Triple Jump	Joseph Kim (6)	3:30

# Meet Miss Abraham !

By: Akshay Krishnamani

Miss Rachel Abraham is the special services teacher. Her job is to help middle school and elementary students who need extra support. She joined us in August from right here in Penang. Although she was born in Melaka, she has made Penang her home. Her family lives in Selangor. She found about Dalat International School through Mr. Tyas. Miss Abraham decided to join Dalat because she thought the job would be interesting. She does not regret her choice to join Dalat's staff because she is having a lot of fun here and says the staff and students are fun. She says she has always wanted to work with kids.

She used to work on her own, and before that she was with St. Christopher's. She loves working in international schools, and also does some administrative work.

Mrs. Abraham found her dog in a bush and named him Martin. She actually found two puppies but gave one to her brother. She really enjoys playing with her dog.

In her spare time she likes to listen to music, including pop! Her favorite food is Char Koay Teow, and Mexican food.



The 'new crustacean's pincers are covered with sinuous, hair-like strand

IN PARIS, France, divers have discovered a new crustacean in the South Pacific that resembles a lobster and is covered with what looks like silky, blond fur.

A team of American-led divers found the animal in waters 2,300 meters (7,540 feet) deep at a site 1,500 kilometers (900 miles) south of Easter Island last year. The animal is white and 15 centimeters (5.9 inches) long -- about the size of a salad plate. It's also blind, and has fury claws and tentacles. The researchers found it had only the hint of a membrane in place of eyes.

The researchers said that new ocean species are discovered each year, but it's pretty rare to find one that doesn't fit into any known animal family!

# Science in the News

By: Christina Gaddis

## Seeing Spots

Scientists first spotted Red Jr. in the year 2000, more than 300 years after they spotted Big Red. But back then, Red Jr. wasn't red. It was white, like the three smaller storms that collided and merged to form it. Then, in December 2005, Red Jr. turned brown. By the time the amateur astronomer Christopher Go photographed it on February 27, it was the same color as Jupiter's famous Great Red Spot.

That's not first-time this has happened though. Nothing like the common leopard, Jupiter does, by the way, change its spots. White dots the shape of an oval appears and disappears, and sometimes turns a reddish color, even though it doesn't happen often and not for long. Some scientists predict Red Spot Jr. could get bigger and last for a century or longer. The Red Spot might be getting some competition.



## Deep Impact in the Desert

Scientists announced they've found the crater that left behind--a 19-mile-wide (31-km-wide) crater in Egypt.

The crater is, without a doubt, the largest Saharan impact crater ever found, and the researchers didn't even have to search the desert to find it. They found it by searching satellite images. By using this method, they said, you also get less sand in your shoes!

The researchers named their new crater Kebira, which is Arabic for "large." But the size of Kebira is nothing compared to some huge craters found in the past. The Chicxulub crater along Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula is more than 100 miles wide. A comet that slammed the earth 65 million years ago, which scientists think it wiped out the dinosaurs, caused it.

The Sudbury crater in Ontario, Canada, is more than 150 miles wide and made the spot of a deep impact 1.85 billion years ago. Don't forget the earth's oldest and largest known impact crater ... South Africa's Vredefort crater. It's more than 180 miles wide and dates back more than 2 billion years. This impact crammed more blow-up power than the world's entire amount nuclear weapons. But back then, there weren't any animals around to become extinct!



# IOWA Stands for More Than Just a Place That Grows Corn!

By: Rachel Leung

The ITBS tests finally arrived the week of March 22 - 24! Yay! Not a lot of people like them. Well most, middle schoolers interviewed by this reporter didn't. For instance, Ji Hyun Park (7) said that she thought that they "were hard". On the other hand, Emily Bro-

kaw (6) said that they were a little hard.

Chan Mi Kim (7) said that "it is good to know what your level (of) knowledge (is)", but she thought that the Social Studies test was a bit hard since she did-

n't know a lot about America.

The ITBS tests are actually supposed to help you discover what your academic performance level is. They are designed to be challenging.

Please see IOWA Cont'd. on p.6

# Kick! Pass!! Goal!!!

*By: Ji Hyun Park*



Mrs. Holden has started indoor soccer for girls in grades 7 and 8. The members are:

**Grade 8:** Honor Adleta, Esther Joo, Jenny Kim, Jennifer Lee, Hee Eun Song, Linnea Williams, Joycelyn Woo, and **May Yamauchi.**

**Grade 7:** Chan Mi Kim, Lakshmi Meyyappan, Khalie Mahoney, Beth Nguyen, Ji Hyun Park, Catherine Rice, Margaret Stebbins, Angela Steiert, Miranda Steinert, Frances Wong, and Maaya Yamauchi.

This time the girls are just scrimmaging—learning how to improve their skills. They say they are having tons of fun and more and more people are starting to like (if not love) soccer!

“Well, at first I didn’t want to join in soccer because I didn’t like the way the ball flies towards you which scares me so much and because I always can’t kick it. But after I played, I noticed that it was actually fun... Because like when I first played, I barley

could kick the ball but then after I kept on playing, I could block it. I can kick it and I finally made my first goal in my whole life. So I started to like soccer. **It might even become one of my favorite sports!!!**” exclaimed Maaya Yamauchi (7), excited about the next practice.

“The only thing I don’t like about soccer is that we don’t have any games with other schools... that would have been fun...”said Chan Mi Kim (7) disappointed, and she wasn’t the only one.

Yes, it is true that tournaments can be really hard, frustrating, and the other team might not always be friendly and hurt you but the whole point is that we get to meet people who share the same interests as you do from other schools. But we have to be thankful for whatever we have and glad that we can at least play soccer with our friends. Go Girls!

# Preparing for Science Projects !

*By: Ji Hyun Park*



This school year is more than half way through and Mr. Tyas has another assignment for you! The annual science fair is nearing and you get to work, alone or in a group of two or three, on a science project. The science fair is going to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and everyone is invited to come. Everyone who has science class is expected to complete a science fair project.


“I’m actually very excited because I’m going to make something ... SCIENTIFIC! And I don’t really want to pair up with these people but I have to pair with Ji Hyun (7) and Margret (7). Just kidding... Well I’m just

really excited and hoping it will go well and will be fun,” said Maaya Yamauchi (7) jumping up and down with her usual enthusiasm.

“Well I’m doing it with Hannah and Theresa, but I can’t say what we are doing because it’s a surprise!” said Sydney McKenzie (7). Well, this reporter surely expects a great surprise and so will everyone else.

It looks like many students already have in mind who to work with and what to make. This year’s science fair Should be as great as ever!





**Did You Know.....?**  
More than 2500 left handed people are killed every year from using right handed products.

# Looking for Something to See in Penang? Try a visit to Fort Cornwallis!

*By: Rollang Leung*

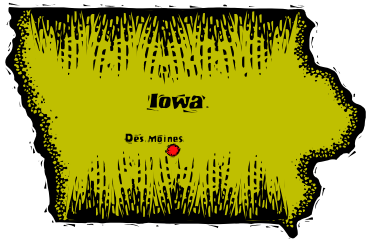
The first European structure in Penang was Fort Cornwallis. Development of Penang began after Captain Francis Light took possession of the island on August 11<sup>th</sup> 1786. He built this fort as a defense against the French, Kedah, and pirates. The fort was completed sometime in the first decade of the 19th

century. After Anglo-French hostility ceased in 1816 the fort was not a very high priority. Because of the forts old age the fort has lost most of its structures except the gunpowder magazine, a Christian chapel, cell rooms, flagstaff, harbor light and several cannons. An amphitheatre has been built inside the fort to

encourage cultural activities. Fort Cornwallis’s walls, entrance gate and the moat have been restored so visitors can experience what it was like in the old days. The old Fort is located around the corner from Beach Street in Georgetown and is a great place to visit if you have not been there!



*View of the outer wall containing the cannons at Fort Cornwallis.*



# IOWA Tests ....YES! They really were invented in Iowa!

*Continued from p. 4*

ITBS tests stands for the Iowa tests of basic skills, which is taken every year grades at Dalat in grades 1-8. The ninth graders take an equivalent test called the Iowa Test of Educational Development (ITED).

Next time you take the tests, remember to try your best!

# Got Your I D Ready?!

*By: Maaya Yamauchi*



FINALLY!!! The Middle Schoolers got their cool student ID cards. SWEET!! These special cards can be used everyday, everywhere, and anytime!

If you're the type of person who goes to the mall every weekend, take your card with you, show it to the ticket seller at eh theater, and down goes the ticket price!

Don't have a way to get home? Show the card to the bus driver and the price of your bus ticket goes down .20rm!! Cool... some kind of card we now have,

right?

"Well I think the cards are ok. They are just inconvenient. But the thing I don't like is that people can see my beautiful face," said Josh Strong (7) with confidence .

"Well, I just think we are lucky compared to other schools because ... like ... we can get a discount at movies, buses, and yea, I just feel special. And also because it shows that we are the cool DALAT students so I think its sweet," commented Ji Hyun

Park (7) thinking critically.

These student ID cards are needed every time you come to school because if you don't bring it, you can't come to school! That's how important these cards are now. If you lose your card, of course, you can have another one made, but you or your poor parents must pay 20rm for a replacement!! SHOCK!

So, keep it close to your heart and chain it up in your wallet. Have fun using your new card, and take your time with the canteen people!



# SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

OPENING NIGHT (29 April ' 06) and EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT @ EPCC 7:30PM-9:30PM

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