

## ST. PATRICK'S

### A GREEN DAY

Do you like green? Come and meet the new green article!! ST. PATRICK!!!

Patrick was a scottish boy from a rich family. All his life he wanted to teach religion and help people to believe in God.

He was captured and spent 15 years of his life as a slave in Ireland. When someone rescued him, he began explaining the trinity, by using a clover. The name Patrick wasn't his real name, it was MAEWEYN SUCCAT. He was born in Kilpatrick, Scotland in the year 387.

St. Patrick is the patron of Ireland. The tradition of celebrating St. Patrick's Day here in the school came from the Irish nuns that founded our school, because St. Patrick is the patron of Ireland.

We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, that was when St. Patrick died. Some teachers that have studied here, told us how they celebrated St. Patrick's Day:

In the past they could watch movies, play and talk with their friends, and decorate their uniforms with ribbons.

They had a special lunch in the school. That day the food was green, the popcorn, rice and milk. Then things changed. They had to study that day, but they had a baseball game nuns vs girls.

St. Patrick is not the school patron but it's an important saint for the school because it existed since the nuns founded this school. We like St. Patrick's Day a lot because it's tons of fun. On that day we don't have to study and we can play and have a fabulous day.

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## WHY ARE THE

### COMPUTERS SICK?

Do you know what is in the year 2000 going to be the problem with the computers? What is the problem called? How can you fix your computer? When are they going to be sick, or are they already sick? All these questions and more, will be answered in this interesting article. First of all, if you don't know what is going to happen in the year 2000, it is better that you know it now.

The problem is that 60 years ago in 1939 a man called Konrad Zuse made the first computer. He didn't think that the computers were going to have a problem in the year 2000. Computers are going to be confused in this year 2000 with the date, because they were programmed to continue to 1900... A solution, which can be found in the internet, is a program called "YEAR 2000". This checks if your computer is prepared to continue to the year 2000.

It doesn't mean that if you have internet you have solved the problem. First you have to download the program, then you can check your computer. After you check your computer, it shows if it is ready or not. If your computer is not ready and if it is a new computer you can call an engineer. The engineer can fix its clock. If your computer is an old one you must buy another one because there isn't any solution for the old computers.

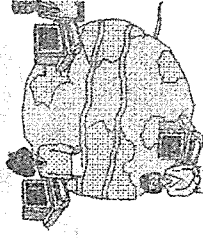
Remember the year 2000 can be a problem for your computer. If you don't want to have any sick computers in your house or business it is better to check it now, and don't wait any

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## MARYMOUNT SCHOOL

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Have you ever figured out how our school will be in the year 2005?

Think about how our school is today and think about what things we want for it in the future. We can vision our school as a place where its students are women prepared in many aspects. A place where values such as respect, responsibility, loyalty and love will be constantly practiced. A place where teachers will be our guides and friends. A place where each student will be conscious of her abilities and take advantage of them in a good way. A place surrounded by modern technology where the students can explore new frontiers. A place where the students can emphasize in areas such as math, science, English, and technology. A place where the classes will be different and will be surrounded by nature. There are many ideas and "dreams" that we have in mind. I invite you to dream about our school in the future. Why don't we begin now?

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\*Participate And Win!

\*Seniors' Cup

\*Multiples '99

AND MANY OTHER FUN THINGS!!!

These are good reasons to read this newspaper.



# AROUND SCHOOL

## EDITORIAL

### Our Marymount Experience

Upon our arrival at the school we were both pleasantly surprised by the level of English that the students had. We were both terrified that we would have to communicate with our students using some form of sign language. The kids were very excited to get to know their 'new' Canadian teachers. They were very curious about all aspects of our lives.

Coming from a school culture where touching children, even a hug, is seen as suspicious we found it a huge adjustment. Also kids in Canada are not that curious about the fact their teachers are people with lives. Our first year teaching here we found that the children were very eager to learn all that we had to offer them. As well as us adjusting to them, they had to adjust to our different ways of teaching and different discipline strategies. We tried to use a variety of insentive programs to encourage the students to use their English both in the classroom and outside. Very often the students had to struggle to get their point of view across to us because we did not speak any Spanish when we first arrived here. Sometimes they would ask some of the other students to help them.

Some of the staff members went out of their way to help us adjust to the many challenges that we faced each day in a country where we didn't speak the language or understand the culture. Even something so simple as calling a theatre to find out what is playing was not easy for us. Working close with our colleagues has enabled us to form long lasting bonds with some of the staff. Being put into a situation where we had to learn a new language gave us insights into how the children learn and why they made some of the mistakes that they did.

Now that we have adjusted rather well to the Medellín, it is now time to head back to Canada where we will have to readjust to many things. Some things at home will have changed, like friends getting married and their families growing and some things will have stayed the same. We both have mixed emotions about leaving here and going home. Saying goodbye to the kids and our friends will be one of the hardest things that we have to do. It has been a rewarding experience sharing our knowledge with the children and we hope that they will remember us and when they want to study in Canada to give us a call and we will help them just as they have helped us.

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# AROUND SCHOOL

## OPINION

**WHAT DO YOU THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE YEAR 2000 IN THE SCHOOL?**



Many teachers and students think that in the next millennium we will have a lot of changes. Others say that everything is going to be the same. Let's look at some of the possibilities.

Maybe the computers are going to change a lot. It is possible that the school will have more technology. Maybe the girls will be more responsible for their actions and maybe the teachers are going to demand more and more because they want the girls to be better in academics and discipline. Some students told us that maybe the uniforms are going to be different. There might be different teachers from other places in the world or maybe not.

But, one thing that we know for sure is that the school is going to be renovated. They held a contest for ideas of how to renovate the school. After choosing the winner began the renovations. This began with the remodeling of the primary building.

The architect that won the contest was José Noel Franco who works in "Mensula", the owners of this company. Julian Vélez and Jorge Humberto Díaz who is a father of one of the girls, thinks they will finish this new building by January of next year.

We will have to wait for the next millennium to see what will happen in the year 2000.

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## FISH POND



Taking care of the environment is something very important we have to keep in mind. It is the only way we have to ensure future life. That is why we have to take care of many species which are in danger.

In our school, Marymount, we are very lucky to have Goldfish, "which are exceptionally long lived and have been reported to reach an age of 70 years. Goldfish are native to Eastern Asia. In their natural state goldfish, are olive green and live in weeds. The occasional differences in color an shape among domestic varieties are due to their careful breeding".

"The best known domestic varieties of goldfish are golden red". These are species we have in our fish pond. They are being fed by "Semco" and some little stones. The water they have comes from "La Chacona" which is a small river close to the school.

We are very worried because there are some fish which are sick. We do not know what is going on. All we know is that a veterinarian came to the school and was trying to help them.

But, we don't know anything about the results yet. Anyway,

while something is being done to help our fish we should try to give our fish a better habitat.

The good news is, that in Medellín there is and institute, Mi Rio which is trying to help us with our fish and the fish pond.

We know they are going to redesign the fish pond and change the how we treat our fish.

We wrote this article because we knew that all the girls can help us with our idea of giving them an excellent habitat. You are welcome to help us.

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