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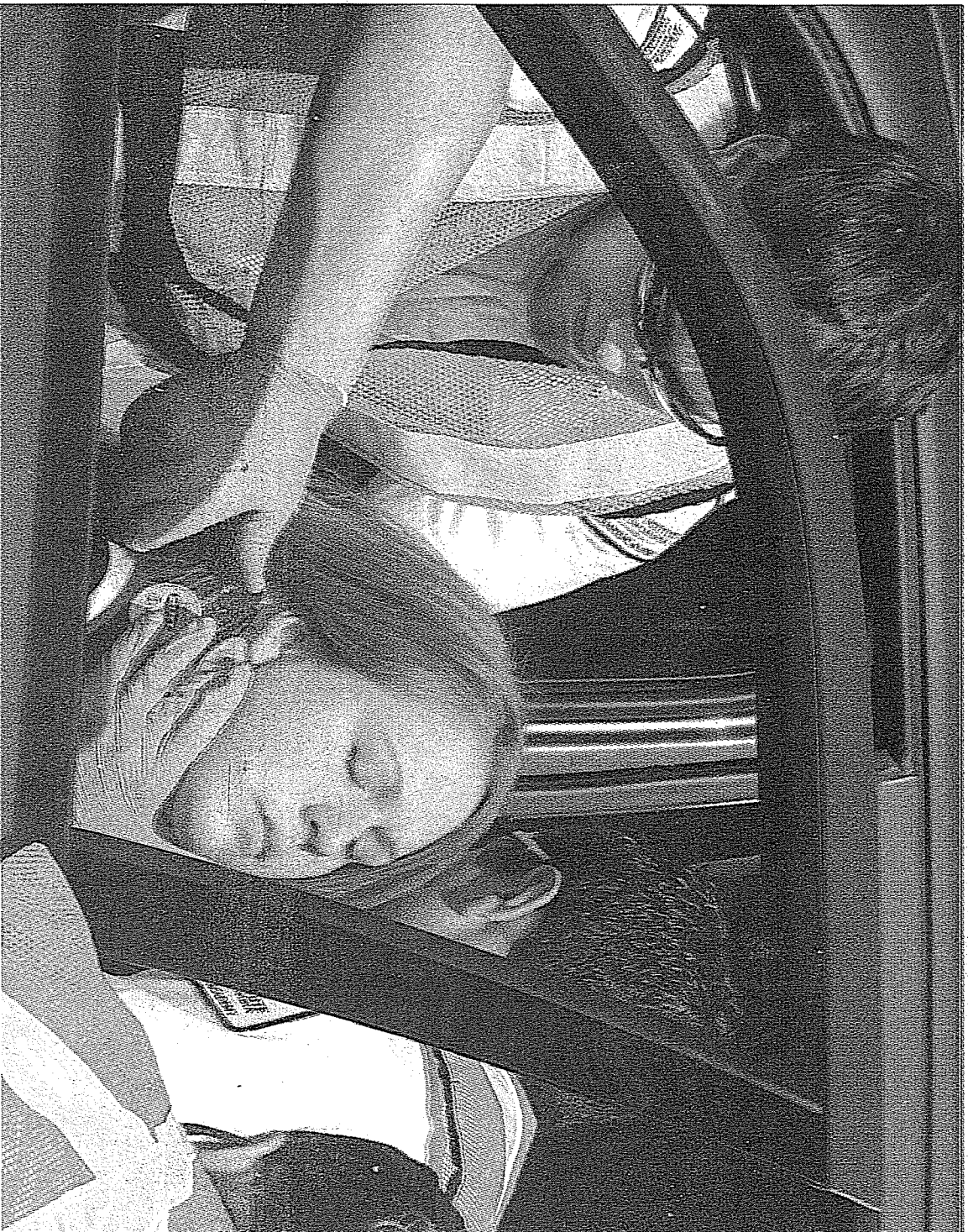
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TRAINING DAY

Playing the victim all in a day's work



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Grade 12 drama students at Rutland Secondary School served as victims in a "multi-casualty incident" mock scenario at RSS on Thursday morning. The event involved a dozen students from the school's emergency responder dual-credit program and students from the Justice Institute of B.C. in the primary care paramedic course.

RSS mock disaster gets students interested in paramedic career

By Daily Courier Staff

Aspiring paramedic Jericho Schmidt was put to the test Thursday when an out-of-control SUV jumped a curb and mowed down several of his fellow students.

The Grade 12 student at Rutland Secondary quickly worked to determine the severity of the injuries. He and other students in RSS's medical responder course checked the victims' pulse rates, examined for broken bones and established their level of consciousness.

"The idea is to assess who's the most critically injured, to see who needs treatment first," Schmidt said during the mock disaster staged at the back of the high school.

A dozen students are enrolled in the course, taught by Aaron Volk, which is designed to give them the preparation they need if they want to later enrol in a paramedic training program offered by the Justice Institute of B.C.

Justice Institute students were also involved in Thursday's mock disaster, with their participation, complete with ambulances and gurneys, giving an extra degree of realism to the event.

"Studies have proven time after time that these exercises are really valuable in helping students learn what to do," the Justice

Institute's Brad Fraser said. "Just the fact that there are people around watching, that puts you in a different frame of mind."

After determining the level of injuries, colour-coded tags were placed on the arms of each victim. One student was deemed to have died, and got a black tag before being covered with a blanket.

A red tag indicated urgent treatment was required, while yellow suggested more minor injuries, and the walking wounded were identified by a green tag.

Not all of the RSS students will necessarily go on to careers as paramedics, but that's the goal Schmidt has set for himself.

"I've always been interested in helping people," he said. "I think this would be an important, worthwhile career."