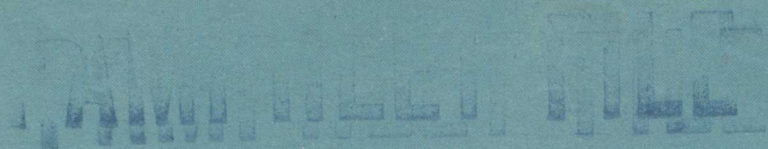
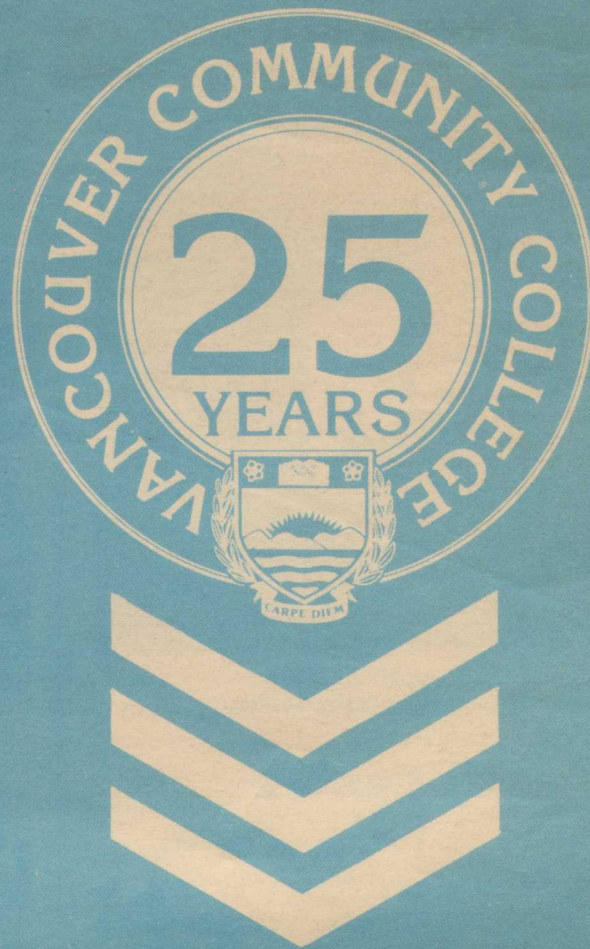


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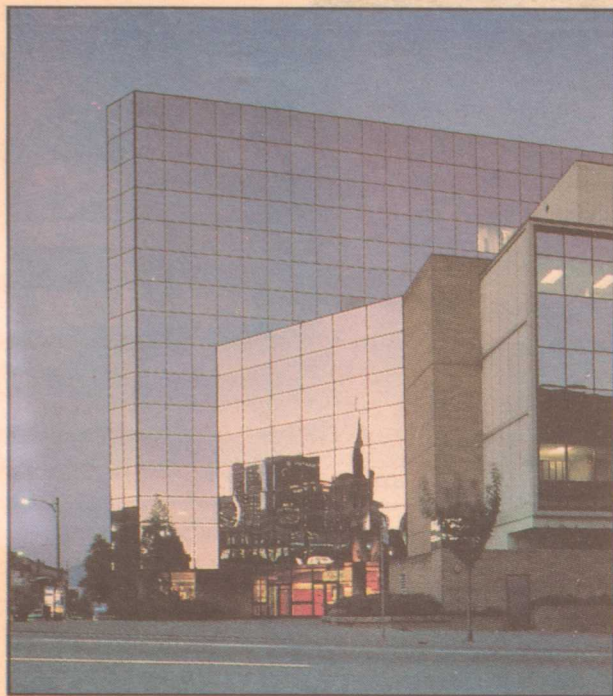


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REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY





VCC-City Centre is the location of the college's Tourism and Hospitality Centre.

City Centre

(Formerly Vancouver Vocational Institute)

Vancouver Community College - City Centre is located in the heart of downtown Vancouver at the corner of Cambie and Pender Streets. The campus serves over 3,000 students each year with 66 full-time and part-time career and technical programs.

At City Centre we focus on tourism and hospitality, business programs, health care and technical training. But we also realize there are new educational needs emerging every day. That's why we monitor trends in the workforce and pay close attention to the voices of our community. We are already expanding into new program areas such as English-as-a-Second Language and our innovative courses for students with special needs. At VCC-City Centre we are not standing still. We are committed to change and to meeting your needs within the community.

Right now VCC-City Centre is undergoing an \$8.5 million renovation project to make room for our expanding Tourism and Hospitality Centre. We are building new labs, kitchens, and classrooms to accommodate this growing field. Vancouver will continue to be one of the most important international tourist destinations in the world, fuelling demand for a fully professional tourism and hospitality workforce. We are ready to meet that demand.

As well as our expanding tourism and hospitality programs, VCC-City Centre offers many other career and training options for students. Our technical division has electronics, state of the art computer drafting, and computer graphics. The two year Jewellery Art and Design program is unique in Canada and satisfies a growing demand for top notch jewellery designers and entrepreneurs. We are also proud to have the only comprehensive Printing Production Program in Western Canada. Right now Vancouver's printing industry is booming and we are providing a steady stream of highly trained graduates for that field.

In our Health Division we have numerous options in the nursing and dental care areas: including dental hygiene and practical nursing. Our business programs meet the needs of today's modern office with the latest in computerized accounting, office administration and more.

Two simple words sum up our educational philosophy at VCC-City Centre: change and innovation. "Change" because our industry-based program advisory committees make sure we stay on top of the latest developments and "innovation" because we are constantly seeking new ways to deliver quality education.

We already offer many part-time courses and upgrading opportunities for those currently in the workforce. We also design custom training packages for business, with on-site consultations and specially tailored content. As our lives become ever more complex we are exploring completely new ways to deliver education, with flexibility.

King Edward Campus

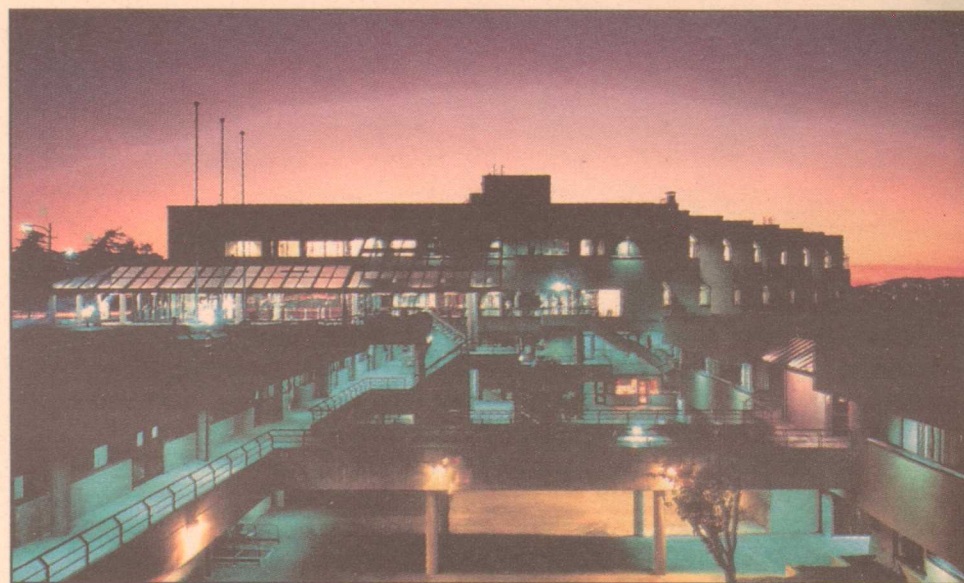
King Edward Campus is located in Mount Pleasant but serves the community in more than twenty other locations throughout the city.

The largest number of students enrolled at this campus are those studying English as a Second Language. Even though we now serve 3,500 students in English Language Training, more than a 1,000 students remain on the waiting list because we do not have the resources to serve them.

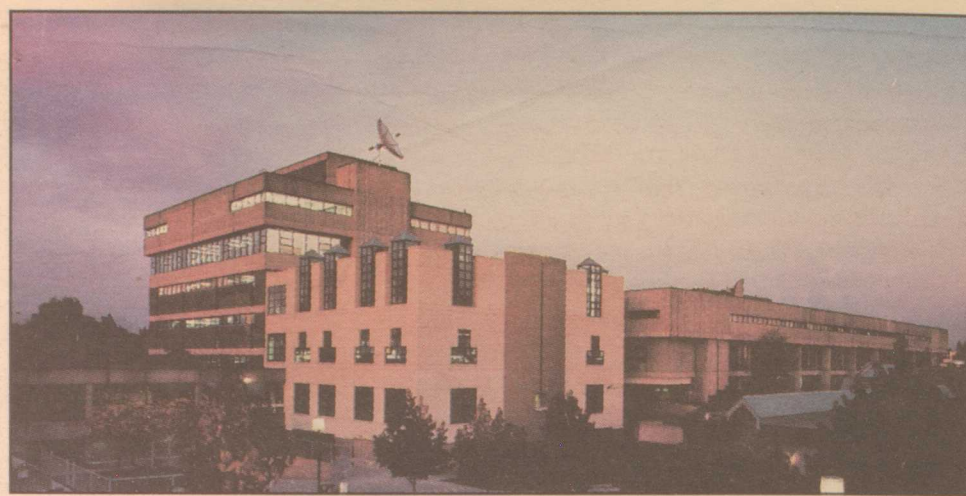
A smaller, but still significant number of students are in Adult Basic Education with 1,500 adult students enrolled in courses up to Grade 12 levels. Students who, for various reasons, are illiterate or have been unable to complete elementary or secondary school can do so at King Edward Campus.

A highly successful Trade Show on October 26 and 27 drew hundreds of visitors to see the programs offered by the Careers Division of the campus. About 600 students are enrolled in pre-employment training in six programs: Auto Mechanics, Auto Body, Diesel Mechanics, Pharmacy Technical Assistant, Institutional Aide and Music. The employment rate for many of these graduates is now near 100 percent.

More and more members of the campus community are working in cooperation with community



The King Edward Campus, located in the Mount Pleasant area, works cooperatively with 25 community organizations.



The Langara Campus offers both university level arts and science education and two-year career programs.

organizations. The most ambitious joint college-community project is a proposal to build a combined community-recreational centre to be located at the campus. This proposal has now been approved for consideration in the next capital budget for the City of Vancouver and the College.

In others ways the campus works cooperatively with 25 community organizations such as Mount Pleasant Community Centre, Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House, First United Church and MOSAIC to serve the community.

King Edward Campus is an important part of Vancouver Community College and we're proud of it.

Langara Campus

In 1990, the Langara campus of VCC begins its third decade by providing a wide range of contemporary educational opportunities in both two-year career programs and university-level arts and science education. Many of the programs meld traditional studies with courses that are focused on the emerging realities of B.C.'s future:

The Pacific Rim business program trains students for employment in Canada's fastest-growing markets around the Pacific.

Canadian studies explores the diverse challenges facing all Canadians, from technological change in the workplace to racism and ethnic relations.

Leisure Studies and Recreation Facilities Management recognize the need for trained professionals to work in this booming industry.

Peace and conflict studies examine the dangers we all face from nuclear war and environmental hazards.

The Theatre Arts Program, one of the most highly regarded in the country, runs its own repertory company, with students at Studio 58 putting on a complete theatre season of performances.

Journalism, women's studies, Latin American studies, the classics, photography, court reporting, nursing... Langara has dozens of popular and unique learning experiences, including a wide range of programs offered during the summer.

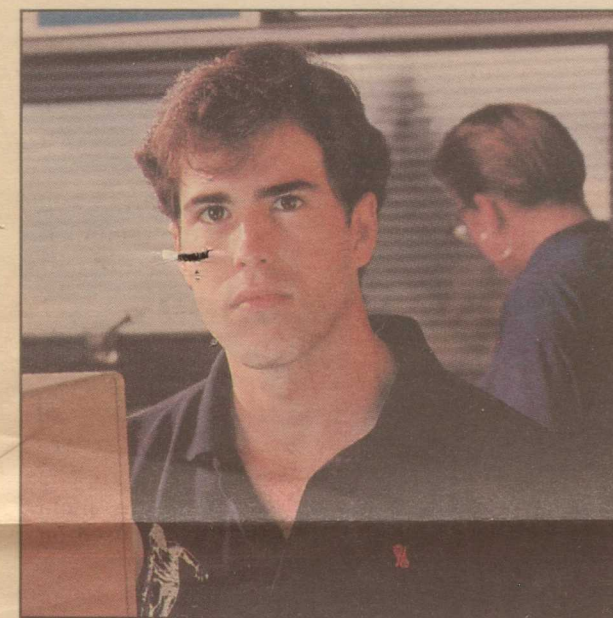
A number of the business and related programs provide the co-op work option which Langara pioneered for students who wish to earn money while supplementing their classroom studies with on-the-job experience.

Langara is one of the most intensely used educational facilities in B.C.. On a normal weekday, 6,500 students - 5,000 in arts and sciences and 1500 in the 30 career programs - attend the campus.

The four-storey instructional building, opened in 1970, is adjacent to the Langara Golf Course. The complex houses lecture theatres, conference rooms, multi-use classrooms, study and seminar rooms, laboratories and studios for the cultural and performing arts. Covered walkways connect the library and gymnasium.

The counselling department helps 23,000 people annually. The financial aid office provides assistance to those in need. More than \$4.7 million in loans, bursaries and scholarships have been awarded to Langara students.

At Langara, we work to keep pace with the future.



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Continuing Education

Vancouver's first night school for adults opened its doors in 1909 under the auspices of the Vancouver School Board.

When Vancouver Community College was created in 1965, a vital component was the "Adult Night School" program. Over the years this program has adapted to changing needs, changing times and a changing community.

Today "night school" is called "Continuing Education" and it remains the college's major link to the adult part-time learner. Continuing Education stresses service to the College's constituency and provides a wide range of program offerings.

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In 1989, the division added many new courses to its program listings. Among these are three new certificate programs initiated in response to community needs.

These new certificate programs are Small Business Management; Office Administration and Local Area Network Administrator. These programs are



Our International Education Division offers a broad spectrum of programs for both Canadian and international students.

designed to give practical training in the rapidly growing fields of business and computers.

Another new certificate program is the innovative Telecommunications Management which offers "real life" experience in this rapidly changing field. The student gains both technical knowledge and management skills to apply to the workplace.

In direct response to the needs of B.C.'s courts, the Continuing Education Division developed its Court Interpreting Program. This is the first program of its kind in Canada. Since 1979 it has graduated eight classes of trained court interpreters. This part-time program enables bilingual persons to obtain the specific knowledge and skills of the trained court reporter as well as excellent preparation for other interpreting jobs.

Whatever your current interest, the Continuing Education Division has a program to appeal to you. Diverse offerings are a cornerstone of service. For those interested in professional development there is a wide selection of business, computer, teaching and writing programs. For those seeking a "fun" course, offerings include nautical archaeology, sailing, skiing and wine appreciation.

The Continuing Education Division is accessible to the community with flexible class scheduling and convenient class locations.

The Division relies on the continued support of the community, business and government to maintain its service to our diverse population.

International Education

We have been involved in organized international activities for over ten years. Some 500 students, drawn from the Pacific Rim and other regions of the world, study on a full-time basis at the college. Other students come to Vancouver during the summer for specialized English language training. Many are billeted with Vancouver families and enjoy the benefits of a new culture and enhanced learning of English.

Most students are attracted to Vancouver because of its cosmopolitan environment, its natural setting and as a major centre of Pacific Rim socio-economic activity.

Vancouver Community College offers a broad spectrum of programs and courses useful to international students proceeding to a university degree in Canada or to work in their native countries.

The college faculty carry out contractual activity overseas on behalf of the Federal Government of Canada (CIDA), foreign governments and funding agencies. Typical contracts include teaching and skills development in the Philippines, India and Hong Kong. Instructors from foreign countries sometimes come to the college for training and upgrading in their areas of specialty. The college is often visited by foreign delegations of VIPs and educators from all over the world who are intent upon learning about colleges in Canada.

Not all international education involves overseas students coming to the college. Canadian students are encouraged to study abroad either through study tours in foreign countries or through residency at post-secondary institutions around the world.

Vancouver Community College is changing in a rapidly changing world. Our primary responsibility is to Canadians...but in carrying out this responsibility we recognize the need to look outwards and thus to assure ourselves a place in the future. Our international education program helps us do just that.

Vancouver Community College Educational Foundation

The Vancouver Community College Educational Foundation was established in July 1983 to serve as the fundraising arm of the college. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised close to \$3 million of which over \$1.2 million is an endowment fund.

However, a serious gap continues to exist between the needs of the College and what traditional resources are able to provide. Many of our students are unable to qualify for government funded assistance. Rapidly changing technology has put enormous pressure on the college to remain technically relevant in its training equipment. Similarly, new program development requires seed money to keep abreast of changing industry needs.



Sheilah Grant was recently named the VCC Educational Foundation's first full-time President as a further indication of its commitment to support to the needs of students and the community.

All of this requires community financial support to ensure our College continues as an indispensable resource to the community. The minimum annual need of the College today for voluntary support is estimated at close to \$1 million. In 1988, a "Scholarships for Music" campaign was launched. The music school at King Edward Campus has an enviable reputation, yet many promising and talented people have been unable to continue their studies for financial reasons. Virtually no scholarships or bursaries for music have existed to date. This special fundraising effort plans to remedy this situation and at the same time raise the awareness of VCC within the community.

In October 1989, the Foundation embarked upon a 'Realty Scholarship Fund' campaign with a goal of \$50,000. The monies raised will provide recognition of excellence to the students in the Property Management and Realty Appraisal programs.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation recently appointed Sheilah Grant as its first full-time President as a further indication of its commitment to support the needs of its students and the community.

The Foundation thanks all the companies, foundations, associations and individuals who have given support to the College. Your continuing support is invaluable as we take definite steps to broaden our base and expand our horizons.

For further information as to how you can support the VCC Educational Foundation, please call 875-1131, Local 359.

Vancouver Community College Alumni Association

Since its inception in April 1986, the Vancouver Community College Alumni Association has experienced a steady growth in its membership, which now stands at almost 3,000.

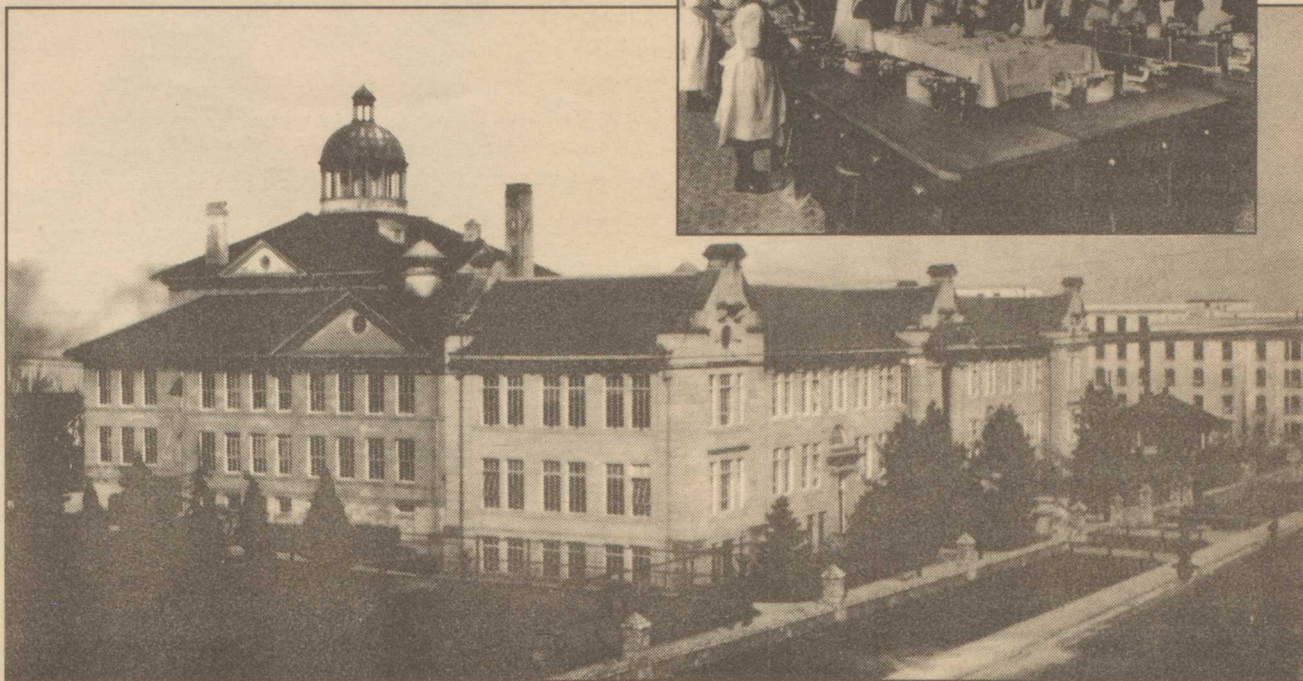
As Carole Wilson, current Alumni Association President stated in the Fall 1989 issue of ALUM-NEWS, the association's newsletter, "Last Spring, because of the Alumni Association's growth, energetic support and participation in our social and fundraising activities, we were able to raise funds for scholarships and bursaries to City Centre (formerly VVI), KEC, Langara Campus and the VCC Educational Foundation."

As in the past 3 years, the Alumni Board, composed entirely of graduates and former students of the College, is committed to raising the public's awareness and profile of VCC through increased member recruitment, the provision of scholarships and bursaries, and the provision of a regular communications link with Alumni. Committees have been formed to assist in the implementation of each of these areas. But as in any volunteer organization more input, support and assistance are always welcome.

The Alumni Association recently appointed Barbara Alldritt as its new Executive Director. She was previously a research assistant at the University of Calgary.

Currently, the College provides approximately 50% of the association's operating costs but in its quest for self-sufficiency, it will continue to fund raise through voluntary membership fees, Alumni special event nights, dinner and theatre parties at the Langara Campus' Studio 58 and casinos.

A home economics class of yesterday at the King Edward High School.



The old King Edward High School, circa 1940, marks the official "birthplace" of today's Vancouver Community College.

Chairperson's and President's Report

Those who knew Vancouver Community College 25 years ago would hardly recognize us today. In spite of the rapid rate of change there are traditions that we cherish. We are a person-centred college, one that searches for, recognizes, nurtures and rewards high expectations, effort and ingenuity. Our instructors are first rate and talented. They are committed to giving all students the chance to shine by demonstrating their talent and enthusiasm. Our College Board and our administrators are determined to keep our programs, equipment and facilities on the leading edge of advanced education in British Columbia.

As we approach our 25th year our thoughts turn not only to the accomplishments of the past, but also to the necessity of shaping our own future. To honour our traditions and to meet the challenges ahead we need the on-going support of our community and our government. Clearly demonstrated excellence on our part will certainly help to marshal the support we need as we move into the 1990's.



Paul Gallagher, VCC President, and Colleen Miller (seated), College Board Chairperson.

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