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## Instructor maps environmental hot spots



CC instructor Adriane Carr is spending her sabbatical leave creating a brand new world map—one which aims to alter the course of history. Carr is producing the first "hot spots" map of all the ecologically vulnerable or unique wilderness areas in the world.

Carr launched the project under the auspices of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC). Identifying the world's remaining wilderness areas and telling people about them, she says, is a crucial first step in protecting them.

Carr solicited the help of 3,000 experts from around the world for the project. Responses to her questionnaire began pouring in last spring from as far away as China and the USSR, and from such little known places as Chad, Vanuatu and Nepal. Even tiny Hong Kong has a marsh it wants to protect.

Based on this information, Carr is preparing a first draft of the map featuring the most threatened wild places. It will be supplemented by a series of detailed regional maps and an authoritative handbook.

Ambitious though the project is, it is only one of the many projects in



VCC Langara Campus geography instructor Adriane Carr

which Carr is involved. As a director of the WCWC, she takes a keen interest in all its activities—from efforts to protect BC wilder-

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ness areas to the publication of educational materials to management policies for the organization's retail store.

In a roundabout way, it was Carr's teaching position at VCC that made it possible for the WCWC to get off the ground. Carr is married to biologist Paul George, the founder of WCWC. In the early 1980s, long before environmental protection became the burning public issue it is now, George dedicated himself full-time to writing briefs, speaking to royal commissions and producing the WCWC's posters, newspapers and calendars.

"In the early years, the Wilderness Committee didn't have much money. Paul didn't take a wage, so my income went to the family," recalls Carr. In 1990, the WCWC income was \$2 million; there is a staff of 30 and hundreds of volunteers. Chapters are springing up around the province and a World Wilderness Committee has been founded. Carr's wilderness hot spots map is just one of many WCWC research and educational projects.

When Carr resumes her instructional duties, she will bring a variety of fresh, real life examples to the classroom. "There are two things students want out of a teacher. First they want someone

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Carole Wilson, President,  
VCC Alumni Association

I am excited about our contribution to VCC's 25th year of service to the community. We are in the midst of a collaborative effort with the current Journalism, Photography and Printing Production students to produce a magazine highlighting the collective contribution of VCC alumni to the community. You will receive a copy of this magazine in place of the next issue of Alumnews. With more than 180,000 former students, chances are every day our lives are touched in some way by fellow VCC alumni—this is magazine's theme.

As president for the last two years, I've had the opportunity to work

with many alumni interested in the Association. As we enter our fifth year with our membership exceeding 3,800, we welcome your volunteer assistance to help us better serve you. Consider a new volunteer opportunity in your life—entertain the idea of serving on the Board of Directors or encourage a friend to join the Association and do so.

Help us continue to strengthen this network by becoming an active member of your Alumni Association. Plan to attend the upcoming theatre night and the 5th Annual General Meeting. There is no part too small to matter. ♦

## GALLAGHER'S NOTEBOOK



Paul Gallagher, President, Vancouver  
Community College

The last entry in my Alumni notebook (October 1990) indicated that the Board of the College and the government are facing some very difficult decisions which will shape the future of the College. I'd like to bring you up to date.

As many of you know, the last months of 1990 were very hectic here. There were vigorous debates about "reshaping our future" and about getting the college funded in an adequate and predictable way. The Board received more than 100 letters, briefs, and other submissions from people throughout our community, desperately concerned about specific

programs and about the future of the college in general. The Board held an unprecedented public hearing in December before deciding what it would seek from government for 1991-92.

And where are we now?

As I write this, we are in the final stages of discussions with Ministry officials about our funding for next year. By the time you read this, I expect that our Board will have decided on a course of action for 1991-92 and will be ensuring that we get the funds necessary to maintain the same level of activity as this year, with some changes prompted by student demand and employment market demand.

Special difficulties this year are an anticipated delay in the bringing down of the provincial budget, and the prospect of recession.

Nevertheless, I remain optimistic about our immediate future and even more so about the longer term. Ministry and government officials are very aware of the serious underfunding we have faced; they are all supportive. Equally important, our Board is determined to see that our community is fairly served, even in a recession era.

Our Board's efforts always need community support. **And so, again I ask you to write to your MLA urging fair support for your college.** After all, you better than others know

how good this college is. **Because you want others to have the opportunity you had, please tell your MLA that!** Your letter, added to the many others already sent, will be important! It is not too late. It is not redundant.

And now another note.

I am personally in the process of getting ready to leave my position as president. I will soon be actively involved in helping to chart a course for the future of all aspects of advanced education, training and retraining for our province.

While I look forward with enthusiasm to this new venture, I will very much miss VCC. I will miss the places. I will miss the energy and enthusiasm and commitment. I will particularly miss the fine people throughout the college and our community.

There have been real stresses at the college and within our larger society, especially in the last year. These will not disappear overnight, but I am confident that they can be made constructive for the college, for our community, and for our alumni.

The Alumni Association has come a long way in a very short time. I trust that you will continue to exercise the leadership and initiative that has been such a source of strength to students and graduates - and to all the people here who work so hard to make VCC the special institution it is. ♦

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board members:

- \* set policy directions
- \* monitor progress
- \* represent campus interests
- \* attend monthly board meetings
- \* participate in committees
- \* are elected for 1 to 2 year terms

**Get involved! Details available from the Alumni Association office at 875-1131  
1155 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5T 4N4.**

## Career fair pays off for alumna by Tracy Manrell



City Centre alumna Cathrine Hayward

When Cathrine Hayward graduated from the Hairdressing program at VVI in 1962, she had no idea where her career decisions would take her. Her latest career move began with a visit to the Career Fair organized by the VCC Alumni Association last November.

The past years have seen Cathrine in the roles of apprentice hairstylist, world traveller, horse trainer, and mother. After running her own successful tour company for 13 years, she moved to Texas as Director of Sales for a hotel chain. Returning home two years later, she managed a retail fashion store and then sold real estate until the market stagnated.

Reflecting on her varied career, Cathrine says "People ask me if I wouldn't rather work in one job for 30 years and never have to



32 companies sent recruiters to Langara Campus on November 7, 1990, to discuss career opportunities with VCC students looking for first jobs and alumni looking for career changes. The VCC Alumni Association planned the event.

worry. But that's not for me. I have to be a risk taker. My philosophy is if you want to do something, try it. Then if it's not what you want, move on to something that is."

**"We're planning a career fair at City Centre in April focusing on the Hospitality, Tourism and Business sectors."**

Cathrine began looking for a new career challenge last summer but found few good prospects. "It's very discouraging to be out applying for jobs. Your self-esteem can go right down the sink." The

Alumni Association Career Fair came along just at the right time. She was pursuing all options.

Dressed professionally and with resumes in hand, she surveyed the thirty four booths. Eight companies offered the type and level of job she was seeking. Most recruiters she spoke with were interested, especially the women's fashion chain, Fairweather. Three interviews later she was hired.

"Fairweather offered more than my minimum salary expectations because of my past experience. Their training program and benefits are incredible, and so is the opportunity for promotion. One possibility for me is to move into administration. I definitely

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intend to go higher than store manager," asserts Catherine.

After months of job searching, the Career Fair was more than she had anticipated. "I'm not sure what I was expecting, but I was very impressed. It was very well done."

Thirty two institutions, including the Vancouver Police Department, BC Children's Hospital, Public Service Commission of Canada, United Parcel Service, UBC Personnel Department, Office Assistance, the Worker's Compensation Board and Fairweather, sent exhibits and recruiting staff to Langara Campus to talk about available career opportunities. Exhibitors were invited based on their interest in the skills taught in the programs at Langara Campus.

Both students and alumni took advantage of the opportunity to explore their career plans with the people who do the hiring. Exhibitors were very impressed with the response to the fair. According to the Vancouver Police Department recruiters who had recently been to similar career fairs at other educational institutions, only Simon Fraser University brought out more potential employees.

Given this success, Barbara Alldritt, Executive Director of the Alumni Association, says, "We'd like to have an event like this on each campus. We're now planning a career fair at City Centre (formerly VVI) in April which will focus on the Hospitality and Tourism industry as well as the Business sector."

"Getting ahead in a career is the one thing all VCC alumni have in common, no matter how long ago they left. Helping people like Cathrine Hayward in this area means the Alumni Association is fulfilling its mandate of maintaining a meaningful, ongoing relationship with VCC alumni." ♦

## 21st century education at Langara

A more competitive international stance, a more productive workforce, a dramatically revamped educational system. These are often cited as goals that must be met if Canada is to prosper in the 21st century. At the same time, our society is changing rapidly. Emerging patterns of work and leisure bring new prospects and problems for Canadians. These developments are the driving force behind current experiments in education and training as curriculum innovations try to keep pace with a changing world of work.

**WORKING KNOWLEDGE: Labour & Learning in the 21st Century**, a conference May 10-12 organized by VCC Langara Campus is for those most directly affected by the new workplace and related innovations in education: teachers and post-secondary educators, trade union representatives, students, counsellors, women's advocates, immigrant support organizations and policy-makers and researchers in related fields.

For further details contact Rick Gordon or Mike Old at 324-5511.

## VCC faculty in the news

**Vince Kreiser**, co-ordinator of the Recreation Facilities Management program at VCC's Langara Campus, recently received BC Hydro's Power Smart Award for his considerable work in energy conservation with community recreation facilities such as ice arenas, stadiums and community centres. To Kreiser, it just makes good business sense to conserve energy, which cuts costs, and keeps people—including graduates from his program—working.

**Habib Kashani's** program in Computer Systems Technology at VCC's Langara Campus was recently designated an "exemplary" educational model for teaching students in the age of information technology by the League for Innovation in the Community College in North America. According to Kashani, "A program in the technology era must create values for the community and allow its graduates to stay valuable through the skills they have acquired." Kashani was also chosen as the winner of the 1991 Leadership Award by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

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who is knowledgeable and can communicate that knowledge.

Second, they want inspiration. I can't imagine how anyone could have gained more than I have in the past year," says Carr.

Except, perhaps, her future students. ♦

## What's new in your life?

Stay in touch and help us keep our records up to date. (Our records are confidential.) Tell us the latest and greatest—your news. Tell us about paid or volunteer work, hobbies, marriage, children, etc. We will publish your news unless you request otherwise. **New address? Please let us know!** Fill in the form on page 8 and mail it to the address shown.

## BC's best photo

Former Langara photography student Mark Kelly's photo of a small patch of beach was judged the best pictorial photograph at the BC Professional Photographers' Association annual competition. The picture also received an award of merit from the national association and has been accepted into Canada's National Photographic Archives.

The photo, entitled Evening Tide Wash, was originally taken in colour at the Dundarave Beach in West Vancouver at sunset.

"I like to capture the fragility of nature, show its beauty and preserve it in some way," says Kelly. "Shooting the coastal mountains of BC taught me the most about photography. I spent several summers there looking at light, seeing what it does and trying to record what the eye sees on film."



Evening Tide Wash

Since graduating from VCC with several honours, Kelly has set up his own commercial photography business. Although he does a lot of work photographing consumer

products and office interiors, Kelly says pictorial photography will always be his first love. He can be reached at 925-1540. ♦

## Where are they now?

City Centre, 1988. **Trev Kernersted**, Desk Top Publishing, is now running his own freelance publishing service.

City Centre, 1990. **Jennifer Smith**, Practical Nursing, is now working at Vancouver General Hospital as an LPN Surgical Float.

KEC, 1982. **Warren B. White**, College Foundations, is now working for the Ministry of Social Services in Vancouver after graduating from UBC in Recreation Education in 1987.

KEC, 1988. **Juana L. Guzman**, ESL, is now applying to re enrol at KEC to further her English studies and later find a job as a secretary.

Langara, 1971. **Dr. Mychael Gleeson**, Arts and Science, is now

the owner of three beautiful "daughters" - all labradors: Arlo age 5, Kelsey 2, and Colby 1.

Langara, 1974. **Ronn Arnold**, Arts and Science, is now teaching grade 6 in East L.A. He warns that "everything you have heard about East L.A. is true!!"

Langara, 1975. **Rebecca J. Dawson**, Fine Arts, is now living in Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island where she is self-employed as an artist.

Langara, 1978. **June Ross**, Teacher Assistant, is now working as a Union Representative with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) in Winnipeg, an existence she says is "never dull!"

Langara, 1981. **Celia Deluca**, Recreation Leadership, is now working as a Recreation Program-

mer at Britannia Community Services Centre. She is in a job-sharing program which allows her to balance career with family.

Langara, 1983. **Rob Slade**, Computers, is now managing "Integrity", an anti-viral/data security program on the new SUZY information service.

Langara, 1986. **Douglas W. Miller**, Business Finance and Investment Management, is now living in a townhouse he recently bought and is keeping as busy as ever as an Insurance Adjuster.

Langara, 1990. **Arthur Wolak**, Arts and Science, is now a university graduate! He finished his B.A., majoring in Psychology, in November 1990.



Lecture Series on topics in the Humanities by VCC Langara Campus faculty, **Oakridge Auditorium, Thursdays, 12:00noon.** Admission **free.** Light refreshments provided. Further details from Ted Langley at 324-5368.

**Mar 7, The Temple of Heaven - John Howard-Gibbon.** This 15th century Beijing temple can be viewed as an embodiment of the aesthetic and philosophical values that shaped Chinese culture.

**Mar 14, The Bronzes of Riace - Salvatore Albanese.** The mystery of these 5th century BC Greek sculptures remains unsolved and questions of ownership raise new debates about the current relationship between art and public opinion.

**Mar 21, The Gospel of Solentiname - Val Sutherland.** A comparison of current and traditional versions of Biblical stories reflecting political change in Nicaragua.

VCC & Yamaha present a Faculty-Alumni **Concert Series** Sundays in the **King Edward Campus Auditorium** at **7:30pm.** Call **875-8220** for tickets.

**Mar 3, The Shannon Gunn Band.** VCC music instructor Shannon Gunn leads her own successful jazz quintet which has been featured on television and radio and performs at jazz festivals and local jazz venues.

**Apr 7,** the jazz stylings of **Alan Matheson & Dave Branter.** VCC instructors Matheson & Branter perform widely in the Vancouver jazz scene. Matheson is a member of the award winning quintet "Fifth Avenue" and his compositions and arrangements are played on various CBC jazz programs. Branter has recorded as a saxo-duo as well as with several jazz ensembles and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

## BULLETIN BOARD



**Alumni Theatre Night at Studio 58 on Thursday April 4.** Buffet dinner at 6:30pm in the Langara Faculty Lounge; Showtime 8:00pm. **Call 875-1131 BEFORE MARCH 28 to reserve tickets - \$15 includes GST.**

**Primrose School District 109** takes place in a small town outside Winnipeg. This heartwarming look at the aspirations of a teacher in a one room school house in the 1930s is appropriate for the whole family. VCC alumni may remember playwright **Ted Galey** from his other role as a full-time faculty member in the Math Department at VCC Langara Campus.

**Looking for a new career?** Come to the **Career Fair at VCC City Centre** on Wednesday, **April 10.** Discuss your career options with the people who do the hiring in Vancouver's most dynamic industries—Hospitality and Tourism and Business. **Call the Alumni Association at 875-1131 for details**

**March 21-22: Transportation & Equipment Technology Show at the Technical Training Centre, King Edward Campus,** provides the opportunity for hands-on participation, testing and demonstration of the latest servicing and workshop equipment for the transportation industry. **Call 875-8238 for tickets and information.**



**The Notable Event, Thursday March 21st** at the New World Harbourside Hotel. **Tickets \$100**—partially tax deductible; proceeds go towards scholarships for worthy VCC music students pursuing a music career.

The Soundwave Jazz Choir, the Madrigal singers, and a stage band will provide entertainment and showcase the talents of VCC music students.

Peter McCoppin, conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, is Honorary Chairman, Lieutenant Governor David Lam and Mrs. Lam are extending their honorary patronage for the third year, and many of Vancouver's "movers and shakers" crowd will be attending and inviting their friends.

Contact the Educational Foundation at 875-1131 for details.

VCC City Centre's new Hospitality & Tourism Training Centre at 250 West Pender has gourmet food at home cooked prices Monday through Friday:

\* J.J.'s licensed restaurant serves lunch and dinner. According to food and wine reviewer Jurgen Gothe, J.J.'s is "a one of a kind Vancouver experience." Reservations required—call 669-9373.

\* Breakfast is now available from 7:15 to 8:00am in the cafeteria.

\* Delicious Baking and Pastry Arts products are available in City Centre's bakery open to the public from 8:30am to 6:00pm.

\* A Butcher Shop and Delicatessen are open to the public from 10:00am to 1:00pm for deli, fish & meat products, 3:00 to 5:30pm for meat products only.

## Travel Agent Program set for 10 year reunion



Janet Parsons graduated from the first VCC Travel Agent class in 1980. In April, she and other graduates from the last ten years will get together to renew past acquaintances and reminisce about the changes in their lives and their industry. In other words, to "network" for fun and professional development.

When it comes to networking, Janet learned the value of making good contacts right at the very beginning of her career. In fact, she met her first boss as a guest lecturer in a VCC classroom. As a "gopher" or sales office assistant for Air New Zealand, Janet says, "I typed, answered phones, quoted—and misquoted—fares, handled groups, mailed posters and minded the shop while the boss was away."



Janet Parsons

After a short period as a reservations agent, Janet moved back into the sales office. In four years, she moved from Inside Sales Representative to District Sales Manager for Air New Zealand. Then in 1987 she accepted a new challenge with ANZA Travel and characteristically ended up at the top as National Sales Manager.

In this position, Janet is responsible for sales achievements and operations of six retail ANZA offices across Canada, as well as a long list of additional responsibilities including hiring, training and motivating managerial staff.

Janet believes strongly in the positive start the Travel Agent Program at VCC gave her career and she continues to support it as a member of the Program Advisory Committee. Janet and other leading VCC alumni in the travel industry see building an alumni network as a way of helping one another in their career development as well as enhancing the professionalism of their industry as a whole. Not to mention having a good time!

For details on the reunion call the VCC Alumni Association at 875-1131. ♦

## KEC recreation centre clears first hurdle



After more than four years in planning, a recreation facility at KEC is one step closer to reality.

A joint project of VCC, Mount Pleasant Community Centre Association and Vancouver Parks Board, the centre gained official status with the Parks Board's October allocation of \$400,000 of capital funding.

According to KEC Principal Lawrence Fast, who originated the unique concept of a shared College and community recreation facility, "This establishes the legitimacy of the centre and allows us to continue with planning."

"I want the College to be more a part of the community. This

project is an ideal opportunity to work together to help residents of our East End-Mount Pleasant area in the need for recreation."

College, student and community representatives recently marched to a city hall public meeting with hundreds of signatures endorsing the facility and presented a case for the Vancouver City Council to match the Parks Board funding. A decision is pending.

The College will provide the land, and with assistance from the Advanced Education Ministry, 60% of the total cost of \$4.6 million. It is hoped the City will contribute 40% of operating costs for 40% use of the recreation centre by the community.

To be located on the present site of the staff parking lots, the first phase will consist of a gymnasium, multi-purpose room, daycare, meeting rooms and office space with parking underground. A swimming pool and 250-seat auditorium are planned for the second phase.

When completed, the centre will afford VCC students, alumni and staff opportunities for recreation similar to other major post-secondary institutions in the Lower Mainland. More significantly, it will illustrate the philosophy of a community college, connecting the campus and the community. ♦



# It pays to be a fee paying member!

Just by attending a VCC program you are automatically a Supporting Member of the VCC Alumni Association. No fee is required. Just keep us informed of your current address to receive the newsletter and other members' mailings!

However, when you pay a voluntary fee, you are supporting the College

through the Alumni Association. In exchange, you get additional valuable benefits from VCC. If you take advantage of only one benefit, for example, the 20% discount on Continuing Education courses, you get a full return on your investment—and benefit from the class!

## There are three options available:

### Contributing Member: \$15 annual fee

You receive mailings plus a numbered membership card which entitles you to:

- \* 20% discounts on most VCC Continuing Education courses
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- \* 10% discounts on many items at campus book stores
- \* a directory of Alumni members.

### Friends of VCC: \$50 annual fee

You receive all the benefits of a Contributing Membership plus:

- \* an invitation to lunch with the VCC President
- \* letters from the VCC President advising you of VCC concerns
- \* a VCC mug.

### Lifetime Member: \$250 one-time fee

You receive all the benefits available to Contributing Members for life.

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*Your comments are welcome!*

*What changes, additions or new topics would you like to see in ALUMNEWS?*

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