

Learning by example is Joan's guiding force

First I ask them to close their eyes. Then I ask them what they see." Joan Billesberger, sitting on the floor surrounded by children, is describing what it is like to have a visual impairment.

Joan has been a volunteer with Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind for 7 years. She is often asked to speak to groups about the realities of a visual impairment and about her guide dog, Babs. The opportunity to answer questions and to increase public awareness about the visually impaired is something Joan enjoys.

"If she can do it, I can do it!"

At an early age, Joan began educating others. After spending her first six years of school at Jericho Hill School for the Blind, Joan transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas in North Vancouver. She found the integration into a classroom of sighted peers to be a very positive move. It was also beneficial to those with sight. "I was educating the teachers and students that, just because I couldn't see, I wasn't a helpless person," says Joan.

After graduating from high school, Joan spent several years adjusting to a complete vision loss. In a family of six brothers and sisters, where, as Joan puts it, "no one receives special attention", it



Joan Billesberger helps VCC student Dwayne Jones with WordPerfect.

didn't take long for her to regain her independence. It was during this time that Joan discovered the world of computers.

Joan's initial computer experience was limited as she was unable to see the computer screen. Determined to be a part of the computer age, Joan investigated the VCC Program for Visually Impaired Adults. To her delight, the Program offered a course in computer word processing.

Having mastered the art of using a voice synthesizer, a machine that translates words from the computer screen into speech, Joan is now proficient at WordPerfect. She has recently taught herself Lotus 1-2-3.

Courses in the Program for

Visually Impaired Adults are designed to act as a stepping stone for students on their way to further education or employment. Joan describes the aim of the VCC Program for Visually Impaired Adults: "Students come here to learn the basics, to get a solid foundation in English and math skills, keyboarding, computers and braille." The best part about the program, says Joan, is that "you are allowed to work at your own pace. Each student follows a course that is developed to meet their specific needs."

The program enrolls 25 students. Each one is following an individualized course which can present instructors with specific challenges. Recognizing this, and dedicated to helping others learn, Joan spoke to Program Coordina-

tor Gwen Masse about volunteering to assist students in learning braille and word processing.

For three days a week, Joan volunteered her time at King Edward Campus. "I knew, as a person with a visual impairment, that learning braille [for example] is difficult." She believes that students with visual impairments are motivated to learn when they are assisted by someone else with a similar disability. "If she can do it, I can do it." Learning by example is Joan's guiding force.

Gwen Masse was very impressed with Joan's volunteer work and felt the additional assistance to the students played an important role in their learning. In 1990, Joan was hired as part time Instructional Assistant with the Program for Visually Impaired Adults.

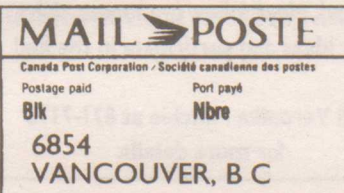
Joan credits VCC with allowing her the opportunity to explore her skills in the area of assisting others. Her commitment to her profession is evident in all she does. The smiling faces of the students she assists is evidence of her success. ♦

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A Message from the Chair of the VCC Alumni Association

Networking: a system for success

What does it take to be an asset to an organization? Possessing the appropriate job related skills is important. The ability to introduce new business to an organization is equally as important.

A friend recently asked me where he could get some flowers. Instead of looking in the phone book, or visiting the nearest corner store, he asked me for a florist that I trust and recommend. He was using his network to find an answer.

Networks make things happen. Networking can result in finding a better deal, landing a perfect job, getting a contract for the company. It is people oriented: everyone is a resource for everyone else; one individual receives support and assistance from another.

As a VCC Alumni, you have a great deal to offer to an organization. You are part of the network of VCC graduates. As the Chair of the Alumni Association, I encourage you to be active and make your Alumni connection work for you and your organization. Experience for yourself the benefits of our network. ♦

Karim Rajan
Chair
VCC Alumni Association

P.S. The florist I recommended is VCC Alumni, Christie Jung of Bloomingdale's.

JOIN US!

The VCC Alumni Association Board of Directors meets the second Monday of every month.
Time: 5:30 pm

Place: King Edward Campus
March and May

City Centre Campus
February, April and June

All VCC Alumni are welcome to attend. Meet fellow graduates, share your ideas and participate in the fun!

Call Veronika Metchie at 871-7173 for more details.



Alumni Association Board of Directors. Front row from left to right: Karim Rajan, Chair; Liz Majestic, Vice Chair and Raj Mathur. Back row from left to right: Mary Forsyth; Louise Rubben and Claire Bellios. Absent from photo: Krishna O'Connell, Secretary and Kristi Searle, Treasurer.

Welcome new Alumni Board of Directors

On October 24, 1994, the Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting to elect a new executive. Those appointed to the executive are: Karim Rajan, Chair; Liz Majestic, Vice-Chair; Kristi Searle, Treasurer and Krishna O'Connell, Secretary.

This group of VCC Alumni, along with other board members, will direct the activities of the Alumni Association for the 1994/95 school year. They are excited about the upcoming year and look forward to hosting the 1995 Career Fair, March 9 at City Centre. They will also plan and implement several fundraising activities, including the sale of diploma frames.

Should you be interested in becoming more involved with Alumni activities, the Board of Directors would love to hear from you. Please call Veronika Metchie at 871-7173 to find out more about the monthly meetings and the Alumni Association.

Thank you

ALUMNEWS would like to take this opportunity to recognize all members of the Alumni Association Board for their dedication to both VCC Alumni and current students. These individuals volunteer their time to plan and implement year 'round fundraising and public awareness activities. Many of the members participate year after year. "It is a very rewarding experience," says Karim Rajan. "I would highly recommend becoming involved in the Alumni Association."

Who are the Executive Members of the Alumni Association?

Karim Rajan

In his second year as Chair of the Alumni Association Board, Karim will continue to build awareness of the Alumni Association within the VCC Alumni community and the College.

In 1990, Karim completed the College Foundation Program at VCC. He then pursued General Studies at Langara and completed the Management Systems Program at BCIT in micro computers. He is currently working at Starbucks Coffee Company.

Liz Majestic

As Vice Chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Liz will be involved in promoting the activities of the Association and raising funds for scholarships and bursaries. She will also explore the possibility of an alumni mentor program.

Currently the Senior Supervisor of Cafeterias and Catering at BC Children's Hospital, Liz received her formative training through the VCC Food Services Technician Program. She also holds a VCC certificate in Business Administration and a BCIT certificate in Health Care Management. She is now working towards a certificate in Purchasing at Simon Fraser University.

Kristi Searle

Kristi has been involved with the Alumni Board for several years. She enjoys fundraising for the Alumni Association as every dollar raised is used to develop VCC student scholarships and bursaries. Kristi explains: "I want students to have the same opportunities that I had when I went to school."

Graduating in 1988 from the Small Business Development Program, Kristi began her career as a manager of staff in a variety of small organizations. Her skill at human resource management lead her to Temporarily Yours/Hunt Personnel where, as Personnel Consultant, she works with both corporate clients and individuals to meet employment needs.

Krishna O'Connell

Krishna enjoys her involvement with the Alumni Association Board. "I represent the mature student, the part time student who takes evening and weekend courses", she says. Krishna helps to develop Alumni activities which will benefit every student.

In 1990, Krishna enrolled at UBC to continue an Arts & Science Degree that she began in the university transfer program at Langara College. In addition to working full time and tap and jazz dancing, Krishna takes evening courses at the University. She looks forward to a Spring 1996 graduation.

Master of his craft

Madhu Reddy is meeting the demands of his customer

"Last year we worked on several Acura NSXes. The total cost of the damage on one of the vehicles was \$60,000. When we were finished with it, the body had been completely rebuilt and painted. It looked brand new." Madhu Reddy, Manager of Mastercraft Autobody and VCC Alumni, is committed to producing quality work. He says, "If I'm not happy with the work, the customer doesn't get the car."



Madhu Reddy, Manager of Mastercraft Autobody, inspects damaged vehicle.

Graduating in 1987 from the Automotive Collision Repair and Painting and Refinishing Technician Programs, Madhu became a manager after working as painter, parts person and foreman. He now supervises 12 employees and is responsible for daily shop operations.

Madhu admits it's hard to keep on top of an industry that is constantly changing due to technological advances. "Computers are involved in mixing paints and estimating the cost of repair work," he explains. He adds that it is difficult for managers to find body repair workers and painters who are familiar with the new equipment and the new vehicles.

He sees job opportunities for individuals who want to become certified in their trade and are committed to learning the new technologies.

As long as vehicles are on the road, there will be work in autobody repair. "At any given time we're working on at least 17 body repairs and another 9 paint jobs," says Madhu. Getting the job done is one thing, meeting the

quality demands of today's customer is another. Madhu tells the story of a customer who climbed under his car, attired in business suit and tie, to ensure the underside has been painted after a repair job.

Individuals who are contemplating a career in autobody repair and painting should enrol in a course such as that offered by VCC, recommends Madhu. "You need

to learn the basics and the classes and instructors at VCC are great." He encourages students to get work experience in a shop while studying. More importantly, says Madhu, "...enter the work force with realistic salary expectations. A shop manager will hire someone who is willing to learn by working for a lesser wage."

Madhu speaks from experience. And look where it got him. ♦

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The Alumni Association serves the common interest of VCC alumni, current students and the College. The Association is advised on projects and policies by a Board of Directors. The 1994-95 Alumni Association Board Executive are: Karim Rajan, Liz Majestic, Kristi Searle and Krishna O'Connell.

Your comments are welcome!

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Diesel Campaign results in new Hydraulic Simulator

"Can we really do this?", asked Ray Oksanen of the Diesel Technician Program at the onset of a \$25,000 campaign. Two months into the initiative to raise funds for a hydraulic simulator, there was no stopping the committee members. At the close of the campaign, they had raised \$38,000, well over the top of their initial goal.

Diesel technician students can look forward to training on the latest in interactive hydraulic simulators. The instructors can program this equipment with specific hydraulic problems that students can solve. In addition to comprehensive training, the purchase will include instructional handbooks and video presentations.

The Diesel Program prepares students to "meet the needs of local industries such as marine and logging", says Ray Oksanen. Thanks to the contribution of these industries, along with mining, construction and commercial transport, the equipment upgrade was possible.

Thank you to the Diesel Campaign Committee: Jack Carthy and John Boe, Finning; Bob Yamaoka, Detroit Diesel-Allison; Joe Foster, Pro-Staff Fuels; John Bjorknas, Prime Mover Controls; Bill New, Coast Ferries. ♦

In this and upcoming issues of **ALUMNEWS**, we will introduce you to senior administrators at Vancouver Community College. Casey Sheridan, Dean of Applied Programs, is profiled here.

Applied programs develop new vision at VCC

Casey Sheridan, who has been with VCC since September 1994, has met with applied program department heads, in automotive shops, kitchens, music classrooms and computer labs. "I want to get a feel for the environment in which students study and faculty teach. I want to get a feel for the equipment they use. I can't do that in my office," says Casey.

"we would like to develop a second year level to some of the vocational programs"

Ten years in management with the Hudson's Bay Company taught Casey the importance of outstanding customer service. For the past 14 years, Casey applied a similar strategy to his responsibilities at the University College of the Fraser Valley. He explains: "It is important to focus on enhancing opportunities and flexibility for students at the same time as providing them with effective programs." Casey believes that VCC must offer quality programs that are meaningful to students, whether they go on to continue their education or seek employment.

Casey Sheridan began his career in post-secondary education as an instructor in retail management at the University College of the Fraser Valley. When he accepted the position of Head of the Business Administration Program in the early eighties, he never lost sight of his customer - the student. He went on to lead development of the Bachelor of Business and BBA (Aviation) degree



Casey Sheridan, VCC Dean of Applied Programs since September 1994

programs at UCFV, both of which provide innovative degree opportunities.

Casey has brought his student-focussed philosophy to VCC. With the support of faculty and staff, he is developing a vision for applied programs at the College. Over the next few years, more internal linkages between VCC programs will be established. Casey

cites an example: "If an applied program requires a supporting introduction to computers course, that course will be offered by the department with that subject specialization as opposed to each department providing its own computer course." Furthermore, students will register by course instead of program. This creates more opportunities for part time

studies and students are better able to communicate their VCC courses to other educational institutions.

Faculty will also be asked to participate in enhancing some applied programs. Currently vocational programs are 1 year or less in length while career programs, such as hospitality administration, are two years. "Ideally, we would like to develop a second year level to some of the vocational programs," says Casey.

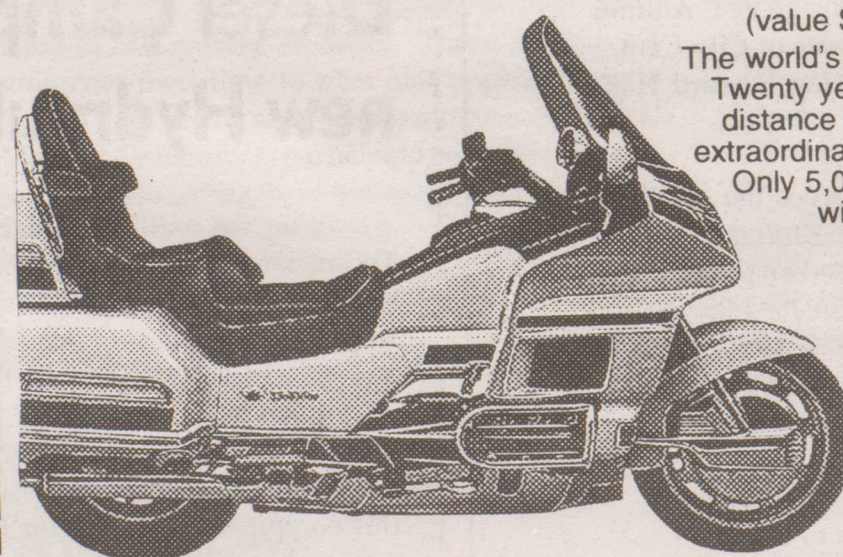
The vision also includes the development of new applied programs and cooperative education. International education opportunities and increased communication with other post secondary institutions and high schools will be actively supported.

Interested in the outdoors, Casey lives in Abbotsford, a stones throw from some of the most beautiful camping and canoeing country in BC. Whether Casey finds his inspiration in the great outdoors, or on the hour commute morning and night, he is an asset to Vancouver Community College.

VCC enthusiastically welcomes Casey Sheridan aboard. ♦

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Ludmila Jagiellcz: General Manager, Strategic Planning and Analysis Canadian Forest Products Ltd. and Board Member, VCC Educational Foundation speaks at 1994 Awards Ceremony.

Fall awards recognize outstanding achievements

The Vancouver Community College 1994 Fall Awards Ceremonies were held November 24 & 25 at the King Edward and City Centre campuses. Many students were recognized for outstanding academic achievement and commitment to their field of study.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and thank you to the many donors who have helped to make a dream become reality.

Music Student Hits High Note

Congratulations to Kirby Armstrong, the 1994 recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship. With this award, the Association seeks to recognize a student's contribution to VCC. It is awarded to an individual who has shown leadership and/or outstanding effort to improve academic and extracurricular campus life.

A graduate of the VCC Music Diploma Program, Kirby Armstrong plays classical guitar and is a member of the VCC Madrigal Singers and the BC Boys Choir.

Kirby Armstrong will be performing a solo recital at noon on March 21, 1995 at the Ryerson United Church.

In 1990, Kirby decided to pursue an education in music. After completing several basic courses in theory, ear training and rhythm, he auditioned for the VCC program. He admits he was nervous. In two short years, Kirby has become an accomplished performer.

"It is very important to immerse yourself in music," says Kirby, "it helps you learn more rapidly."

Last summer, Kirby toured Europe with the BC Boys Choir. On several occasions, he was guest conductor. As the Choir prepares for a 1996 tour of the Orient, Kirby

pursue a Bachelor of Music in performance and eventually wants to train in music therapy.

If you would like to hear the award winning talent of Kirby Armstrong, he will be performing a solo recital at noon on March 21, 1995 at the Ryerson United Church. ♦

assists at the rehearsals of the younger choir members.

Kirby believes that touring is an essential part of training in musical performance. He is currently heading a campaign to raise funds for the Madrigal Singers BC tour this summer.

Of his recent accomplishment, Kirby says: "I really appreciate being recognized for my hard work." Kirby has come back for a third year of studies at VCC. Next year, he will go on to

A Message from the President of the VCC Educational Foundation

Funding for Technological Update now Available

This year, the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour will assist colleges in providing students with access to state-of-the-art equipment.

For several years the VCC Educational Foundation has benefitted enormously from the Provincial Government's College and Institute Matching Endowment Fund. This has resulted in some sizeable endowments and increased the funds available for student scholarships and bursaries.

Now, funds raised by the Foundation for the purchase of equipment and new technologies will be eligible for a similar match. With the introduction of **The Matching Program for Equipment and Technology**, VCC will have an opportunity to attract matching funds towards acquiring and enhancing equipment and technology.

For every dollar contributed by an individual, corporation or foundation towards the purchase of training equipment, the Provincial Government will contribute one dollar. In addition, gifts of equipment will be matched at their appraised value.

The Matching Program for Equipment and Technology was developed to enhance a government initiative entitled **Skills Now! Real skills for the real world.** ♦

Lilli Milder
President
VCC Educational Foundation

Visually Impaired Program benefits from Innovative Computer Technology

The goal of VCC's Program for Visually Impaired Adults is "to make students as independent as possible", says Gwen Masse, Coordinator. Thanks to contributions from the Woodward's Foundation, the VCC Educational Foundation

terscreen, the synthesizer can read the screen for the user. The visually impaired student, in addition to learning the commands of WordPerfect 5.1 and DOS, must learn the keystrokes necessary to access the speech system.

The highlight of the new computer lab is a 4" x 6" external speech synthesizer. Its portability allows a student to access speech software on a computer that is not

equipped with a synthesizer. This is helpful to students who are taking computer courses elsewhere.

The Woodward's Foundation funding also purchased a large software package to enable low vision students to read the computer screen. Two print magnifiers, two laser printers with high contrast output and one document scanner are available to students as well.

The VCC Program for Visually Impaired Adults is unique in western Canada. Students are exposed to the latest in technology which facilitates integration in the study and work environments of their sighted peers. Thank you to the Woodward's Foundation, the Educational Foundation and the Province of BC for making this possible. ♦

Students are exposed to the latest in technology

and the Provincial Government, a new computer lab now introduces students to technology that will give them independence in their future studies and employment.

The computer lab houses an impressive array of equipment, much of it designed specifically for visually impaired users. Speech synthesizers are installed in each of the computers. In conjunction with a software package that translates information from the compu-

VCC Library Online

Since October, VCC students, alumni, faculty and staff have been navigating the Internet thanks to a new library service called Gateway Access. This service permits users to "reach databases and computer networks all over the world, without leaving the campus," says Brenda Appleton, College Librarian. A wealth of resources are now available to assist individuals in their studies and employment.

Gateway can be accessed at any of the library's computer terminals. Information from databases can be downloaded to the terminal. Library and Media Services are wanting to install printers at each terminal so an individual can produce a hard copy of the retrieved information.

To discover the world of the Internet at VCC, you must have a valid VCC library card. These are available to Alumni Benefits Card holders. To register for your Benefits Card, complete the application form below.

If you are relatively new to the Internet, VCC Continuing Education offers a course for the novice. An **Introduction to the Network of Networks** provides a hands-on approach to exploring the Internet. Participants will learn how to access the Internet and effectively search the multitude of databases.

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Available to VCC graduates and former students, the Alumni Benefits Card entitles you to a VCC library card, and discounts on Continuing Education courses and purchases at the VCC book store.

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- a VCC T-shirt

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Explore your Job Options

Whether you are seeking work now or gathering information for a future job search, the 1995 Career Fair is worth a visit.

On Thursday, March 9 at the City Centre campus of VCC, organizational representatives from the hospitality and tourism, health care, business and technical service industries will be available to meet with you. Participating companies will provide materials on their products and services and their organization in general. They will answer your questions about job opportunities and many will accept applications for employment.

Hosted by the VCC Alumni Association, the Career Fair also provides information on VCC training programs, job search assistance programs and volunteer opportunities in the Lower Mainland.

There is something for everyone at the 1995 Career Fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

VCC Alumni Association's Sixth Annual

Career Fair

Thursday, March 9, 1995

from 9:00 - 3:00

VCC, City Centre
250 West Pender Street, Vancouver

- visit companies from the hospitality, business, health care and technical services industries
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- meet new people and network!

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For more information about the Career Fair and volunteer opportunities,

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Future Work: Emerging Industries

Nuala Beck, author of *Shifting Gears*, identifies the following growth industries for the 21st century:

- Health Care
- Information Technology
- Information Services
- Communications
- Telecommunication
- Instrumentation

Future Skills

Be prepared for work in the year 2005.
What are the keys to success?

- Technical Knowledge
- Business Background
- Communication & Marketing Skills
- Basic Math Skills
- Computer Literacy
- Self-Reliance
- Independence
- Entrepreneurial

Source:

Job Futures: British Columbia Occupational Outlooks
published by Employment and Immigration Canada and the BC
Ministry of Skills, Labour and Training

CITY CENTRE

Rafaela E. Dimen-McLean

Legal Assistant, November 1988

Living in Port Hardy, Rafaela is busy as Acting President of the Mt. Waddington District Labour Council and a Director with the Community Future Society, an organization that looks at the economic development of the North Vancouver Island area. She works in administrative advocacy for a variety of individual clients. In her spare time (!) she volunteers with the St. Bonaventure Catholic Church.

Where are they now?

Alexandra Poon

Baking and Pastry Arts, October 1994

Alexandra works mornings at a Vancouver bakery preparing fresh cream cakes and French pastries. In the afternoon she teaches Cantonese to Canadian-born Chinese.

Teresa Rempel

Hospitality Administration

Currently employed with Tourism Vancouver, Teresa continues to take courses part time at VCC. She enjoyed her learnings in hospitality sales and marketing, and is now pursuing courses in specific business applications such as bookkeeping and accounting.

KING EDWARD

Gwen Spinks

Adult Basic Education, Business Administration

A true entrepreneur, Gwen is simultaneously operating three businesses: Rainy Days and Sundays: desktop publishing; Wanna Dance: ballroom and Latin dance instruction and Stuck on Kool: art card and magnet manufacturer.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Tracy Manrell

Volunteer Management, Arts & Science - Women's Studies, Marketing Sales

As Support Programs Coordinator with AIDS Vancouver, Tracy coordinates programs that provide services and support to people that are living with HIV. In addition, she manages the 140 volunteers that work in these programs.

AROUND THE COLLEGE

ALUMNEWS would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following individuals for great accomplishments in their field of work and study.

Svetlana Bezeredi

Svetlana Bezeredi was awarded the 1994 Donald Goodger prize for excellence in gemmological studies. This prestigious award is given annually to the top diploma year gemmological student in Canada by the Canadian Gemmological Association. The intensive Continuing Education Course in Gemmology instructs students to test and identify a variety of gemstones. Svetlana is currently employed by Lugaro Jewellers.

Culinary Arts Apprentice Team

Canada brought home the silver medal from the junior chefs championship in Norway this summer. Scoring behind the Denmark team by a mere 1/10 of a point, the Canadian team of 4 VCC trained apprentice chefs competed over three days against the top teams in the world. It is with great pride that VCC applauds the accomplishments of the following:

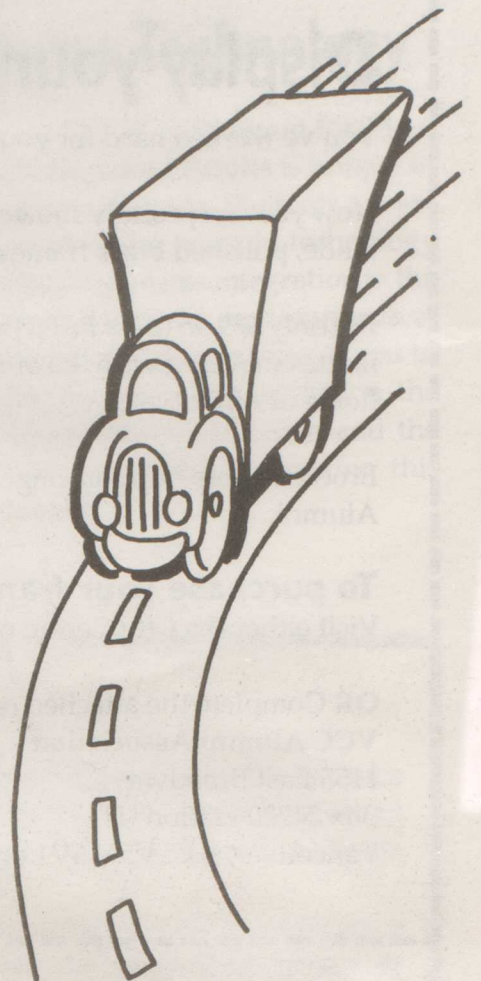
Morgan Wilson of Four Season's, Eduardo Cejella of the Empress Hotel in Victoria, Edmund Wong of the Westin Bayshore and Craig Southward of Pan Pacific.

Grand Salon Culinaire '94 Winners

Members of the VCC Culinary and Baking Arts Department won a total of 12 awards at the recent BC Chefs' Association Grand Salon Culinaire '94. This BC competition attracted one hundred entries in a variety of categories ranging from hors d'oeuvres to bread and wedding cakes. Congratulations to the medal and certificate winners for their exemplary efforts.

Bernie Lyon

The judges of the University and College Designers Association selected work by VCC Continuing Education Art Program Coordinator Bernie Lyon to appear in the UCDA 1994 Show in South Carolina. Bernie's submission, the 1993/94 series of Continuing Education flyer covers, was one of 125 entries selected from over 1250 entries for the show.



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