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## POLITICS A NOBLE CALLING FOR A LANGARA GRAD

by Chuck Poulsen

You might think that a newly-elected MLA in B.C. would rate the past six months as the highlight of his career. But Ujjal Dosanjh, the NDP member for Vancouver-Kensington, turns the clock back to his days at Vancouver Community College for the time of his life.

"My days at Langara were the happiest of all," says Dosanjh. "I would spend a lot of time in the library reading area and in the cafeteria chatting with my fellow students.

"That was the early '70s and there were a lot of debates going on in the social science areas. I enjoyed the teachers, like Ross Johnson and Barrie Brill, who are still there. We were able to sample everything at Langara from the extreme right to the extreme left. There was a whole range of opinions you could interact with. It was a fascinating and enlightening time."

After two years at Langara, Dosanjh earned a BA in political science and sociology from SFU in 1973, then went on to UBC for his law degree. He specialized in family and personal injury law.

VCC has played a role in Dosanjh's life in many ways. He taught English as a Second Language in the Special Programs Division at the old King Edward Campus for two summers while going to law school. He met his wife, Raminder, at Langara, and she now teaches ESL at KEC. Their son Pavel currently attends classes at Langara...the campus is literally no more than a stone's throw from the Dosanjh home on East 50th Ave.

"I've lived within two blocks of Langara for the last 14 years," says Dosanjh. "When I attended classes there were only about 1,500 students so it was much less congested then. There were study spaces all around the hall ways."

Dosanjh takes a thought-provoking view of today's students compared with those of the late '60s and early '70s. "I do not mean to demean or criticize the present students, but I just find they are much more conservative with the larger issues of poverty, social justice, general trends in education and the issues of war and peace. My concern is that they don't seem to exhibit a sense of commitment to some of those goals.

"We've come through the 'me' generation in the last 10 years and it's going to take some time to get over that. But when they face the harsh reality of trying to find a job, trying to maintain their standard of living and trying to address the creation of wealth and jobs, it's not going to be as easy for them as it was for their parents who graduated in the middle of an economic boom."

He adds, however, that it may turn out to be a good thing that today's students are less vocal than the last generation.

"They may examine issues with a cooler head. When they face the challenges in the social, economic and political arenas, they will begin to question what we are doing now in perhaps a more fundamental way than in the '60s. The '60s was to a certain extent a parent-financed counter culture, whereas the students of today may not have the comfort of knowing that they can fall back on their parents because the parents are going through difficulties in the economic climate of the '90s.

"So the students may have to fend for themselves and that may make them stronger and much more effective than we ever were."

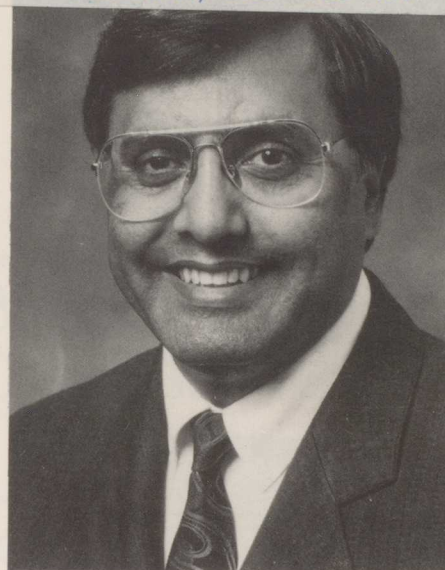
Dosanjh says he is not goal-oriented in a specific sense, although he hopes his part in government can enhance educational and job opportunities while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

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## PRESIDENT'S FORUM

Fellow alumnae and alumni,

This issue is ALUMNEWS is about VCC people in politics and politics at VCC. With the sixth Alumni Association Annual General Meeting coming up on June 18th, it's also about electing new alumni leaders to set new directions for alumni relations at VCC. Alumni Directors make policy, monitor progress and represent campus interests. Alumni volunteers do make a difference—if you would like to be one of them, please contact our office at 871-7147 and be sure to attend the AGM on Tuesday, June 23rd.

Over the past year, your Directors looked at providing more benefits for members. Membership is automatic and free for all graduates. However, by purchasing an alumni benefit card, you can access significant discounts on Continuing Education courses, as well use of the libraries, and help fund the Association at the same time. We're pleased to announce that the CE discount is now also available on certificate programs.

An alumni career networking/mentoring program is under consideration for next year. Past graduates can be an information resource for one another and for students and new graduates in making the right career decisions. A program like this could take many forms, such as one-on-one discussion, campus presentations or company tours.

The success of a program like this depends on volunteers, in other words on you! This program will provide an exciting opportunity to share your success and your career questions with others. Call us at 871-7147 and don't forget to come and see us at the AGM on June 23rd.

Leo Mol, President, VCC Alumni Association

## VCC AT THE CENTRE OF DEBATE OVER FUTURE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

By January 1st, 1993, Vancouver Community College will be a different institution. It will either be one college that is much more centralized administratively, or it will be two colleges. The debate over funding for vocational education in a world where most parents want an academic education for their children is one reason for the coming changes.

While vocational education costs more than academic education, many people, including the Minister for Advanced Education, Training and Technology, Tom Perry, are telling us that what we need is more vocational education.

In a recent interview with the **Vancouver Sun**, Perry commented that if BC is to become an economic contender on the world stage, skilled tradespeople have to be given more respect. "Trades training still does not have the same status as academic training although the social utility of a highly skilled tradesperson is certainly at least as high as a typical university graduate," Perry said, adding that BC has to follow the lead of countries like Germany and Japan in breaking down the "artificial distinctions" that exist between the two sectors.

"The same tradespeople who tell me that we are not training enough skilled workers tell me that many of their own children are pursuing academic careers...because society seems to value academic credentials more than equally valuable skills in a practical field," he said. "I think the government can help perhaps change the cultural climate so that practical skills are seen as equally dignified as the academic credentials."

Community colleges in BC all have a mix of vocational programs along with academic university transfer programs and two-year career and technical programs. While VCC programs like Drafting, Electronics, Diesel Technician, Baking or Culinary Arts are what most people think of as vocational, the definition also includes such programs as English as a Second Language and Adult Basic Education.

While both instructors and administrators at VCC would agree with Perry on the need to enhance the image of practical skills, they see the problem of funding as more urgent. The problem is that the academic and career programs at VCC are having to subsidize the vocational programs.

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## THIRD ALUMNI CAREER FAIR A SUCCESS

Alumni and students of all three VCC campuses, but particularly Langara Campus, got some extra help with career planning last February 13th. The VCC Alumni Association brought recruiting staff from twenty seven businesses and professional associations on campus for a Career Fair. Backed up with eye-catching displays like the BC Corrections Branch display that asked "IS YOUR FUTURE IN JAIL?", and armed with stacks of pamphlets and job descriptions, exhibitors made the bright red, white and blue booths in the Langara Campus main foyer their personnel offices for the day.

Students and graduates took advantage of the opportunity to ask about positions currently available, qualifications required, training and advancement programs, salaries and more. In one day at the Alumni Association Career Fair they could accomplish what might otherwise take dozens of phone calls and days of doorknocking. Career fields represented included health care, security and law enforcement, financial services, business administration, sales and marketing.

According to a Richmond Savings Credit Union personnel officer, "The students asked a lot of very good ques-

tions. We only have front counter positions open now, but we hope they will contact us again in the future." The Vancouver Police Department also attended the Career Fair last year, and commented "Graduates of VCC's (Criminal Justice) program have an excellent reputation, and we like to keep our profile high with them. And we see an incredible number of people at this campus, as many as at SFU which is much bigger. We'll definitely be back next year."

The Career Fair also attracted the attention of UTV's Dave Gerry. Gerry's talents didn't match what employers were looking for, but his interviews provided the basis for a number of comic sketches aired on the entertainment variety show U Tonight on February 17th. Gerry brought a TV camera to the Fair and filmed several interview sequences for the show. However, London Life wasn't impressed with his abilities with the hard sell, nor was Dow Chemical impressed with how good he looked in a lab coat, nor BC Corrections Branch with his ability to march crooked or his collection of funny costumes. While he didn't find a new job, Gerry did find a humorous angle on job searching. □



BC Corrections Branch was one of three law enforcement agencies attending the Alumni Association organized Career Fair on February 13th at Langara



UTV's Dave Gerry looking for work at the Career Fair

## IQ HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH SUCCESS IN LIFE

Recent psychological studies have found that while IQ can predict how well one does academically, it has little to do with success in life. Emotional factors and psychological attitudes are much more relevant for a successful and satisfying career, social life or relationships.

According to psychologist Seymour Epstein, most of these constructive attitudes are common sense, for example, not taking things personally or worrying about what others think and developing a habit of taking action rather than worrying or complaining about a situation.

"In a sense there are two minds," Epstein says. "The experiential mind has to do with how you react to the world emotionally. It makes instantaneous decisions and calls the shots day to day. It has nothing to do with IQ. The rational mind has to do with how we explain what we do, and how well we understand a novel or know math. It

has little to do with success in living."

According to Epstein, how well people manage their emotions determines how well they can use their intellectual ability. "Constructive thinking depends to a large extent on having parents who teach you to be strong in the world, to handle things on your own," Epstein said.

But there are also many options for learning these self-management skills as an adult. College counselling departments offer a range of seminars and courses for students. KEC Science instructor Peter Ballin has developed a course entitled "Becoming A Master Student" for adults returning to college which recognizes that success at college depends more on employing effective strategies than on having fundamental ability and motivation.

And outside of college there is no shortage of information on developing self-management skills. The current bestseller, **The 7 Habits of Highly**

**Effective People** by Stephen R. Covey, for example. Covey emphasizes the need to develop a strong sense of one's own values, strengths and weaknesses and incorporate these into a personal mission statement based on principles. When there isn't enough time for everything, feeling secure with one's principles and priorities helps to avoid stress from having to choose among competing demands and goals.

Since its not enough to be able to deal effectively with problems in the quiet of one's own office, Covey offers methods for developing good habits in interpersonal communication, leadership, and cooperation—which are also on any list of the most transferable skills for people changing jobs or changing careers.

And since habits are simply patterns recreated every day, Covey's final habit for success deals with self-renewal, balanced among physical, mental, spiritual, social and emotional renewal. □

Tom Perry,  
Minister of  
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## LANGARA FACULTY ELECTED TO OPPOSITION

By Chuck Poulsen

Jeremy Dalton,  
Liberal MLA,  
West Vancouver-  
Capilano.



A year ago at this time hardly anyone thought that Jeremy Dalton would become the first VCC employee to be elected to the B.C. Legislature. Including Jeremy Dalton. The Liberal MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano concedes that most of his party's candidates were pleasantly surprised by their elevation to Official Opposition status.

Dalton, who is now on leave from VCC, began teaching in Langara's Business Administration Department in 1974. As a lawyer, he was instrumental in developing many of the legal courses offered at Langara, such as Business Law, Real Estate Law and the Court Reporting Program.

He served as vice-president and as an executive member of the Langara Faculty Association, leaving him with a keen interest in the developments that are surrounding the possible separation

of Langara from VCC as well as Langara's proposed degree granting status.

"I'm personally interested in the ongoing process, although politically I haven't become involved...at least not yet," said Dalton, who serves as the critic for the (K-12) Ministry of Education.

Other than an unsuccessful bid for a school board seat in 1986, this is Dalton's first experience in public politics. If it hasn't exactly turned his life upside-down, he is still spinning a little from the experience.

"There is a lot of learning to be done," says Dalton. "There are a lot of new MLAs and just learning the rules of the House is a big job. I'm quite happy with it, but I never get my desk in Victoria cleared off. And even if I do get a bit ahead, I'll go to my office in West Vancouver where I can find a thousand more things that need to be done."

*'you're the mayor...no, wait, our MLA, right?'*

"Being away from my family has also been a big adjustment." He and wife Leah have three children: Steven, 13, Candace, 10 and Kamman, 7. He recently had a down home experience of what it's like to be a political newcomer.

Says Dalton: "I was attending my son's soccer game and a young guy came up to me and said 'you're the mayor...no, wait, our MLA, right?'"

## KEC EXPANDS TO OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

For science instructor Peter Ballin, Vancouver parks are an extension of his classroom. And just as he takes care of his campus laboratories, Ballin gets involved in taking care of the parks. As a member of the Board of Directors of the B.C. Waterfowl Society, Ballin has been working for the past two years to develop interpretive materials and signs for students and other visitors to Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park and the George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary on Westham Island near Ladner.

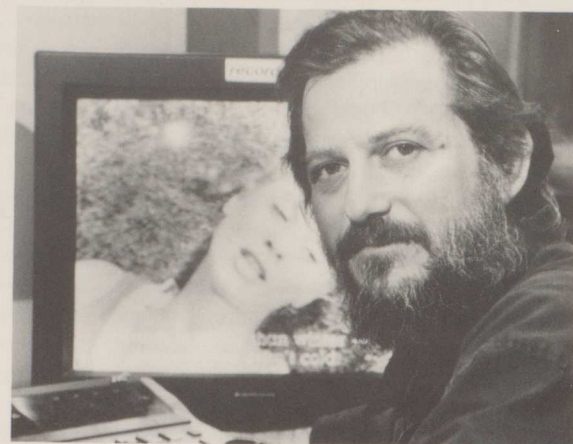
Ballin's Biology classes do field studies at the Sanctuary each term, and

also complete an assignment at the Vancouver Aquarium. There he regularly volunteers doing scuba diving in the BC Tel pool to feed the fish and clean the windows. This summer Ballin is headed for a much larger pond, — he'll spend two months in St. Croix in the Caribbean continuing a 15 year study of a small reef fish, the bluehead, with Professor Robert Warner of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

*Peter Ballin on Biology field trip.*



## NATIONAL AWARD FOR LANGARA INSTRUCTOR'S INNOVATIONS



*Roger Holdstock championed purchase of new video editing equipment.*

English instructor Roger Holdstock received the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges for 1992 for innovations in teaching. Among other things, Holdstock has successfully advocated incorporating film studies into first year English courses at Langara.

When asked why film studies are so important, Holdstock says, "Film is the dominant 20th century art form. It's the one most familiar to students and has the greatest influence. For their own awareness of that influence and power, it should be taught. Many of the best film-makers have a literary approach to film, for example Woody Allen and Ingmar Bergman. If students can see the parallels of formalist literary techniques in film, it can help them understand, for example, the use of metaphor."

Taking this one step further, Holdstock developed a Screen Writing course, and championed the purchase of a video-editing machine to allow students to create videos of their own work.

On being selected for the award, Holdstock says "The recognition feels good. The irony of it is that the award is given for what you truly enjoy doing. You have to be impassioned (about teaching). You can't get stale and you have to recognize changes in the context of the current history of ideas."

## 5000 ENJOY CITY CENTRE'S OPEN HOUSE



City Centre's Open House on March 26th saw 5,000 people tour the campus and investigate the numerous displays. The main foyer was abuzz with activities featuring students and instructors displaying their special skills.

Watching Easter bunnies, baby chicks, roses and vegetables of all kinds take shape out of marzipan (almond paste) worked in the hands of Baking and Pastry Arts instructors fascinated young and old alike. In a contrast of technology and tradition, Jewellery Arts students demonstrated metal hand-crafting while Graphic Design students shaped images on computer screens. Fashion designers displayed their work from conceptual drawings to videotaped models on the runway.

The day culminated in the official opening of City Centre's Tourism and Hospitality Centre. Dignitaries, guests and the public enjoyed the cutting of the official ribbon—an eight-foot cake created by George Rudolph and the students of the Baking and Pastry Arts program.

## LANGARA COACHES HONoured

Norm Olenick, Chairman of Langara's Physical Education Department and coach of the badminton team, has been named Coach of the Year by the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association. Olenick had modestly nominated two other coaches from the six-team B.C. league, only to have his peers name him as Number One in the province. This honour was followed by the national award.

Rookie basketball coach Kevin Hanson was chosen Coach of the Year in BC. Hanson took the Falcons basketball team to a silver medal finish in the national championships, losing in the final to the Humber Hawks.



*Norm Olenick*

## CITY CENTRE EXPERIMENTS WITH SPACE SHUTTLE

The launch of the American space shuttle last March had a unique impact on the instructors and students in the Electronics Program at City Centre. One of the scientific projects that are part of the shuttle's payload was an experiment to track the electronic footprint of low frequency radio waves. An electron beam shot a stream of ions from orbit through the earth's atmosphere and teams of scientists and students around the world intercepted and recorded the signal's footprint on receivers. The beam was activated on the seventieth orbit which passed directly over B.C.

City Centre students constructed a special receiver as part of a class project. Two teams manned the receiver and recorded the event high up in an isolated, rugged area of the North Shore mountains. Another team did the spectrum analysis and data processing. The recordings have been sent to NASA and NASA will return its own spectrum analysis providing the students with a way to judge the accuracy of their results.

## KEC'S ESL ASSESSMENT GOES NATIONAL

Two KEC ESL instructors, Helen Tegenfeldt and Virginia Monk, have developed a new tool to assess the literacy and communications skills of new Canadians. Their system has been adopted by Canada Employment and Immigration for their offices all across the country as well as by KEC. The new system uses a series of photographs to stimulate conversation about familiar situations, which helps place the new Canadian at one of five language levels and in an appropriate educational program. As well as being more effective and efficient, Tegenfeldt and Monk's system is more user-friendly than the often intimidating written tests it replaces.



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Vocational programs cost more because of the need for specialized equipment and small classes. But the formula by which the government funds these programs does not adequately provide for these special needs. So what all colleges do is squeeze money out of support services, university transfer and career/technical programs, and a number of other areas.

Those colleges with only a small proportion of vocationally funded programs can manage this system without too much difficulty, but because over half of VCC's programming is vocational, VCC is facing a much more serious problem than other colleges in the province.

And what VCC is facing is a serious budget deficit — again. Only this year, there's no more fat left to cut and the new NDP government has said there is no money for a last minute budget reprieve, which was how previous governments usually handled the crisis. During last year's budget crisis, it appeared VCC might have to cut some of its programs. That problem was only temporarily resolved by dipping into capital funds and increasing some class sizes.

In an effort to come up with a long term solution for VCC's funding problems, the Ministry of Advanced Education commissioned a series of consultants' reports which included investigating whether VCC would operate better financially and educationally as two colleges — Langara as one and City Centre and King Edward as another. This solution has long been advocated by some faculty at Langara, who feel that services at their campus suffer in order to subsidize vocational programs at City Centre and King Edward.



John Cruickshank, President, Vancouver Community College.

The consultants' reports don't make a clear recommendation, but conclude that student and community educational needs could be met through either model. They estimate one-time separation costs at eight million dollars and additional annual operating costs for two colleges are not known.

However, the Ministry has said no decision will be made about separation until the current problems with VCC's long term financial needs have been solved. In the mean time, VCC is under Ministry orders to balance a budget that as of the end of April was still short by millions of dollars.

Over the past four years, increased funding has gone to expanding the number of seats available for university transfer programs at VCC and other community colleges. The Access for All program launched in 1989 was intended to move the province up from its embarrassing position of ninth in terms of the proportion of university students in the population.

While increasing the number of university graduates is also good for the community, this focus has prevented vocational education from getting the attention and the money it deserves. As the recurring budget problems at VCC indicate, what is needed is a full review of provincial needs for vocational and other non-academic education, and an assessment of the unmet needs.

Fortunately, most students at VCC today continue learning in the supportive atmosphere they have always found here, often without even being aware of the funding controversy facing the college faculty and administration. □

By Barbara Alldritt, Executive Director, VCC Alumni Association.

## UPCOMING REUNIONS COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS - FALL 1992

Calling all graduates, employers and friends of the Computer Information Systems program! Get ready for a fall, 1992 reunion celebrating the 25th anniversary of the program. If the last reunion is any indication, you'll find a capacity crowd for reminiscing and networking.

Call Barbara Wuhrer at 324-5489 for more information.

## DENTAL ASSISTING - MARCH, 1993

In 1993 the Dental Assisting program will celebrate its 30th anniversary. Start planning now to attend the reunion to be held in conjunction with the BC Dental Meeting in March, 1993.

For more information, or to volunteer with planning this bash, call Lizz Lindsay at 443-8495.

Interested in seeing your former classmates and instructors? We're here to help. To organize a class or program reunion, call the Alumni office at 871-7147.

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"People's goals are often the result of a certain event that galvanizes them. With me that is not the case. I grew up with politics.

"My father was very involved in

India with the nationalist movement that gained independence for the country (in 1947). My grandfather was also very much involved; he spent 18 years in British jails fighting for that independence. My mother was politically active—in fact my mother was to the left of my father and they had continuing

discourse at home on political matters. I was raised in that kind of environment.

"Politics for me is a very noble calling and an important commitment." □

## THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Congratulations to Culinary Arts alumnus **Don Michiel** who braved the second greatest fear in life to deliver the special guest speech to over a thousand graduates and friends at the City Centre graduation in January.

And a big bouquet to those people who volunteered to help out at Alumni special events recently. **Betty Ing** and **Jean Van Den Elzen** answered ques-

tions at the Alumni booth at the Career Fair at Langara February 13th. **Robert Slade**, **Karim Rajan**, **Leo Mol**, **Mary Kredba**, **Delia Martin**, **Barb Bruce**, **Kristi Falconer** and **Julia Durrant** counted money and gaming chips until the wee hours of the morning at the fundraising casino March 17th and 18th. We couldn't have done it without you - thank you!

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW? LANGARA

**Frank Ferrucci**, Business Finance and Investment Management, 1978, works in marketing for the direct mail house, Mail-O-Matic. But in his spare time has acted in over 30 major films and TV programs shot in BC. Now he's trying his hand at writing.

**Tracy Manrell**, Arts and Science, Marketing and Sales, 1989, is now Referral and Promotions Coordinator at the Burnaby Volunteer Centre.

**Mark A. Kelly**, Professional Photography, 1989, opened a commercial photography studio. He and fiancée Leena married in the summer of 1991.

**Leonard Mok**, Arts & Science, 1990, works as an Officer on the SS Rotterdam of the Holland America Cruise Line.

**Krishna O'Connell**, Arts and Science, 1990, is taking tap and jazz dance lessons and working toward her first recital in June.

**David C. Wong**, Arts and Science, 1990, recently enrolled in the School of Architecture at the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

**Michelle Kelly**, Arts and Science, 1991, is at Arizona Western University on a baseball scholarship.

**Mark W. Seager**, Real Estate Appraisal, 1991, has been selling real estate since graduation and hopes to shift to realty appraisal soon.

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**Steve Dow**, Power Engineering, 1983, is an Industrial Electrician for MacMillan Bloedel and a Community Education Electronics Instructor at Malaspina College, Powell River campus.

**John Gatlabayan**, Culinary Arts, 1991, has changed his career direction to computers.

**Ted Gray**, Electronics Telecommunications, 1991, is teaching in the Electronics program at City Centre after a short stint with BC Tel.

**Xi-Ya Yan**, Drafting, 1991, formerly a Structural Engineer in China, is now employed as a draftsman.

**Nancy L. Gibson**, Medical Office Assistant, 1991, is working as a Pathology Lab Clerk at Vancouver General Hospital.

**Wendy Keyworth**, Medical Office Assistant, 1991, is working as a Switchboard Operator and Cashier at Powell River General Hospital.

**Suesen Maria Drouzek**, Medical Transcription, 1991, is a Medical Transcriptionist for the VGH Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeons. She would love to hear from her classmates!

**Colin Lim**, Retail Meat Processing, 1991, is a Meat Cutter at Produce City. Colin thanks his instructors for teaching him new skills.

**Daniel A. Drolet**, Traffic, Customs and Transportation Clerk, 1991, is working as a Transport Assistant with BC Tree Fruits Ltd in Kelowna.

**Ruth Ellsworth**, Travel Agent, 1991, is a Destination Representative for Fiesta West in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

## KING EDWARD

**Marilyn Bitcon**, Arts & Science, 1967, has had a truly international nursing career working as an Honorary Nursing Advisor in the People's Republic of China and a Nursing Educator in London, England.

**Denise Cumming**, Automotive Painting & Refinishing, 1991, has obtained an apprenticeship and is working full time toward journeyman status at Dueck's.

**Paddy Shuster**, Teaching English as a Second Language, 1991, is attending SFU to obtain her BC teaching certificate.

**Patricia E. Konkle**, Pharmacy Technical Assistant, 1991, is working at Victoria General Hospital.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Audrey Gerein**, Non-Profit Management, 1991, has set up a photography studio with her husband in Rossland, BC. She's also working to establish a public botanical garden there.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 1991-92 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

With money raised from casino nights, the Alumni Association has established annual awards to recognize and encourage student leadership. Recipients are selected on the basis of the voluntary contributions they make to the campus and the community, as well as on academic achievement.

Congratulations to the 1991-92 award recipients!

## LANGARA

**Rosemary Hetu**, Food Service Technician

Academically, Rosemary consistently achieved the highest grade point average of her class. As President of the Langara Junior Branch of the Canadian Food Service Industry Executives Association, Rosemary motivated 100% of her classmates to work with her in organizing community service activities.

**Brian McLaren**, Computer Information Systems

After graduating from UBC with a BA in Psychology, Brian worked in management for a major courier company for eight years. As well as achieving a grade point average of 3.90, Brian has applied his past experience to helping his fellow students understand the application of their studies to the real world.



Rosemary Hetu

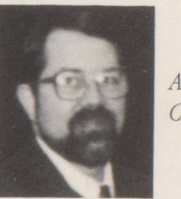
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**Andre Chartrain**, Electronics, Computer Option

After travelling the world for ten years, and suffering several bouts of malaria, Andre returned to Canada to regain his health while working as an orchardist. Now working toward a computer-related career, Andre achieved excellent marks and provided leadership to his classmates in helping them with their studies.

**Deborah Brady**, Licensed Practical Nursing

As well as participating actively in the City Centre Student Association Executive, Deborah maintained a consistently good GPA throughout her program. She is now working full-time at the Vancouver General Hospital.



Andre Chartrain

## KING EDWARD

**Ron Saar**, Basic Training and Skills Development

Ron proved himself the most hard working student of the term, and provided inspiration to his fellow students through his exceptional initiative, cooperation and motivation.

**Mihran Keurdian**, Automotive Technician

After sampling the educational route to a career in medicine at UBC, Mihran decided scientific theory wasn't for him. Looking for something practical, he chose the eight month auto mechanics program at KEC. A dynamic and motivated student, Mihran went looking for a group to organize social events for the automotive students and wound up President of the Student Action Council. He plans to use his new skills in automotive mechanics to put himself through the Commerce program at SFU. □



## WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR LIFE?

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Do you need to **upgrade your career skills**? Do you take continuing education classes? Do you want to **save money**? If the answer is yes, then help yourself and the Alumni Association by purchasing an **Alumni Benefits Card!**

As a VCC graduate you are eligible for discounts on College services that make it easy to be a lifelong learner. **20% off Continuing Education courses**—and now including Certificate Programs; **10% off bookstore purchases**; and a **library card for FREE!**

The Alumni Benefit Card is valid for one year from the date of purchase. To get your benefits Card, choose the options you want, and mail a completed application form along with your cheque or credit card number to the VCC Alumni Association.

### Discount Club \$25.00 annual fee\*

- 20% discounts on most VCC Continuing Education courses\*\*
- borrowing privileges at all three campus libraries
- 10% discounts on non-instructional items at all three campus book stores

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- all Discount Club benefits **plus**:
- an invitation to the annual Presidents' luncheon
- updates from the President's office on College concerns
- a VCC T-shirt

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (office) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

What's new in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please send my Benefits Card to the address above:

☐ \$25 Discount Club ☐ \$100 President's Club ☐ \$500 Lifetime Leader

☐ Cheque enclosed ☐ Please charge my ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

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