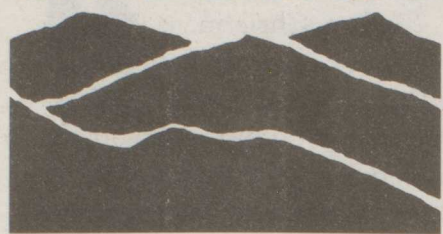


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## Food Fore Thought

By Katja Pantzar

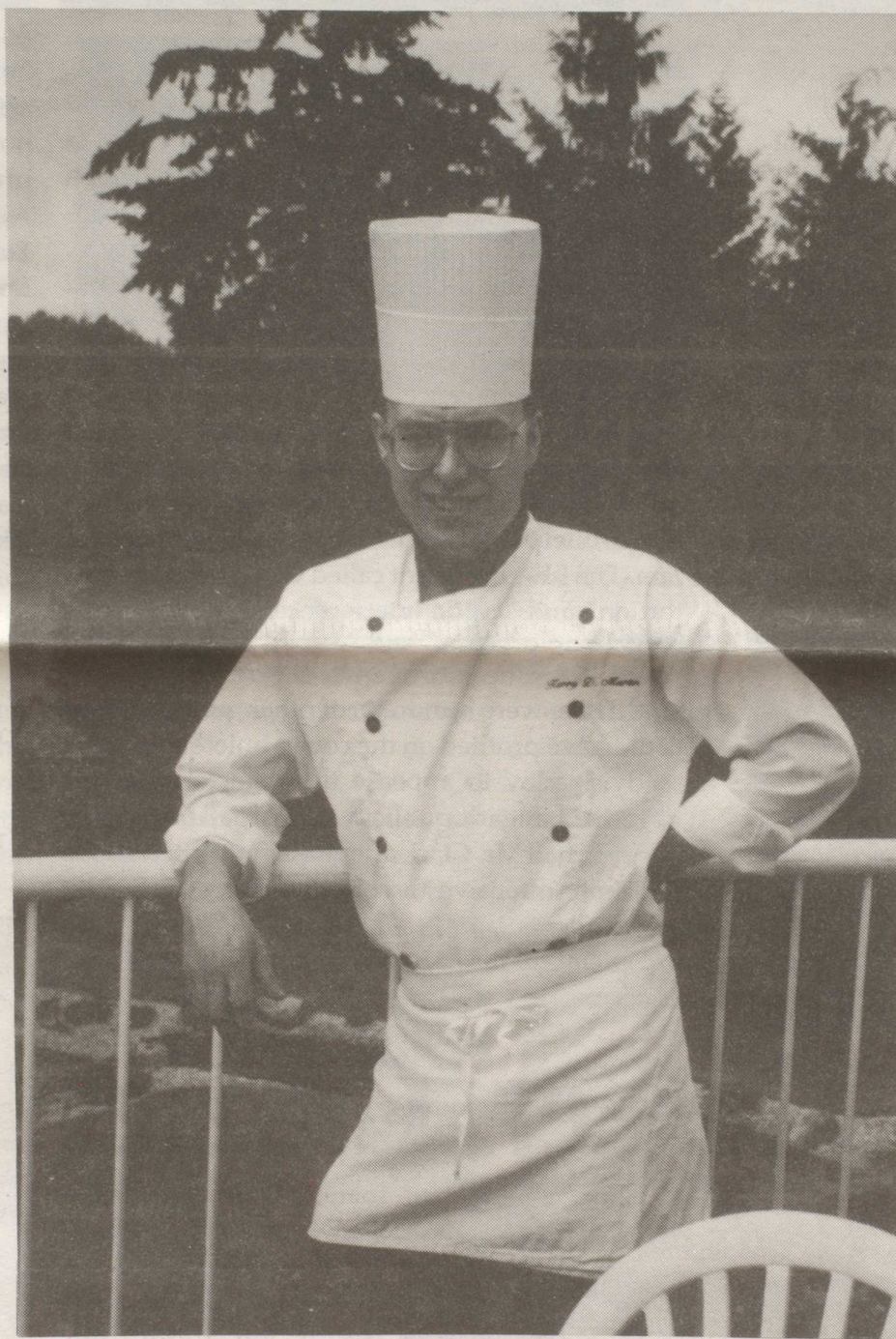
**'M**y kids are more interested in riding the golf carts than seeing my kitchen,' says Kerry D. Martin, Executive Chef at the University Golf Club.

A graduate of the Cook Training Program at Vancouver Community College's City Centre campus (formerly VVI), and a Certified Chef de Cuisine, Kerry goes on to tell the ages of his children - a baby boy aged six months, and two girls aged two and four. No wonder his children are not the least bit interested in Kerry's kitchen -- they can hardly see over the counter!

Of the Cook Training Program, Kerry fondly recalls, "it got me ready for the hotel jobs I went onto afterwards. I keep in touch with a lot of the instructors through the Chef's Association, and I drop by the school a couple of times a year."

Though he laments the loss of the program's "old-style kitchen feeling" due to upgrading of the old facilities to newer, more modern ones, Kerry commends the program. "Most of the instructors were very good. My very first instructor was Axel Sauer. He made a big impression on me. He was very good, his style of teaching was relaxed and friendly." Kerry concludes, "It's a very difficult profession and there are a lot of difficult chefs. (Sauer) was a very gentle introduction to the profession; he had the technical knowledge and the professional skills."

In fact, Kerry was so impressed by the Cook Training Program which he completed in 1979, that he went back to VVI a year later for the Waiter/Waitress Pro-



City Centre Chef's Training graduate, Kerry Martin, at the University Golf Club.

gram. A few of the service staff complained that some of the culinary presentations prepared by the chef were difficult to serve. "I could never fully understand their comments," said Kerry. So he enrolled in the Waiter/Waitress program to increase his knowledge in this area. According to Kerry, the program "was a bonus. Dealing with service staff on a daily

basis, I had no idea what their job entailed. The program gave me a different perspective on how difficult the service job is. Most chefs have an unrealistic view of what serving the public entails."

Understanding of how a restaurant functions and working as a team are two things Kerry considers crucial for a chef. He has been working for four years at the

University Golf Club, which encompasses the Thunderbird Bar and Grill, and the West Point Dining Room. Before working at the University Golf Club, Kerry worked at the Vancouver Golf Club, so "golf cuisine" is definitely one of this chef's culinary strengths.

When asked about the more popular items on his menu, Kerry refers to the Grill's famed casual cuisine. "In the Thunderbird Bar and Grill, we serve a huge plate of nachos. We fry the chips fresh, and the size of the serving is enormous value for your dollar." Referring to the West Point Dining Room, for more formal dining, Kerry says "we change the menu every three weeks. We try to be very creative." In an average week, the Golf Club serves over two thousand people. Annual food sales are in excess of 1.6 million dollars.

As Executive Chef, eighty-five percent of Kerry's time is devoted to administration, while fifteen percent goes to cooking. "By sheer volume, my job dictates that I be more of an administrator." And although Kerry enjoys what he does and likes his work environment, his only complaint is, "I don't get to cook as much as I'd like to. My one love has always been preparing food." ♦

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# Alumni Helping In Emergencies

**R**emember when... Remember when money was tight and your life seemed endlessly tied to studying and writing exams? The anxiety about having enough student loan money or personal savings to keep you sheltered and fed until summer break was constant. Today there are many students in this same predicament. Single parents whose student loans aren't quite covering the expenses,

students whose parents can't afford to contribute more, students with personal challenges who need extra time to complete a program that will allow them to become more independent. These students and others like them are why the VCC Alumni Association is planning a fundraising drive to set up an **Alumni Emergency Fund** for students facing difficult financial situations.

Tracy Manrell, alumni relations coordinator, notes this is the first time the 8 year old Alumni Association has fundraised through grads. "We are very hopeful that members will remember the tough situations they may have faced as students. This first effort will be aimed mostly at alumni who have been in the workforce for ten or more years. We hope they are now in a financial position to assist today's students."

Each donation counts -- large or small.

Before Christmas, Alumni Association members who graduated in 1983 and earlier will receive a letter outlining the project and requesting a donation. Volunteer alumni will then telephone every letter recipient to answer member's questions and ask for their support. VCC graduates from 1983 or later are also encouraged to contribute to the drive and can mail their donation to the Alumni office.

Students accessing the **Alumni Emergency Fund** will be required to prove financial need. For most applicants, existing scholarships, bursaries or loans could not meet their needs or would be unavailable to them. In other words, the **Alumni Emergency Fund** will assist students for whom few alternatives exist.

Donations from all alumni, regardless of when they graduated, will be greatly appreciated. Cheques for any amount should be made out to the VCC Educational Foundation - Alumni Emergency Fund and mailed to:

**VCC Alumni Association -- Emergency Fund**  
1155 East Broadway  
Box 24700, Station F  
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or  
phone: 871-7147

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Your comments are welcome! Write to the editor with any remarks, suggestions or grad gossip for ALUMNEWS.

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# First Nations Learners Gathering Strength at VCC

**T**here is a distinctive hush in this room. The warm, late summer sun streams through the uncurtained windows and settles across the carefully hung art prints. The cushioned chairs welcome and invite visitors to stay awhile. The friendly smiles of relaxed students create a sense of comfort and security.

Over the summer of 1993, the transformation of about 350 square feet of Langara's Student Union Building to a Native Student's Centre was completed. The centre's official opening in October, 1993 marked the culmination of over a year's work of several aboriginal students supported by Langara's Student Society.

The room was created by building a sound proof wall around a corner of common seating behind the SUB's cookie shop. According to the centre's coordinator, Dave Pearson, it is "an extension of our living rooms. It is a piece of dirt we can call our own."

Dave, of the Long Plain Band in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, is also Langara's elected University Transfer Representative and Acting Native Student's Liaison. His vision for the centre was to create a place where "we can come to talk, study and support each other." To that end there is a table for eating and studying, a sectional couch to chat and read, a bulletin board to post notices and a computer system for student use. Future plans include a native tutoring program.

The Native Student's Centre was entirely a student initiative, but VCC is beginning to listen to the concerns of its aboriginal students -- albeit more slowly than some desire. "We are becoming more powerful and reminding (the College) that we exist," Dave asserts.

For example, since 1991, VCC Native Student's Coordinator, Shirley Joseph, has been employed to identify the need for college-wide programs and services for First Nations Learners and coordinate VCC's initiatives to advance their commitment to First Nations education. Basically, Shirley works to find ways to help aboriginal people learn about, enter and work within a school system that may be foreign to them.

Shirley, of Wet'suwet'en and Carrier heritage, works from her office at King Edward, but serves Native Learners at all three campuses. Her position was the result of a 1990 report prepared by the Provincial Advisory Committee on Post Secondary Education for



Dave Pearson (centre) relaxes in the new Native Student's Centre at Langara with current students, Willis Carpenter (left) and Holly Robinson.



VCC grad, Jeff Watts, showing off a catered feast prepared by Just Like Grandma's Bannock.

Native Learners. The report offered 21 recommendations to make post secondary education more accessible to aboriginal people.

The bottom line: schools must become more active and committed to outreach and support services targeted at First Nations people.

Shirley ensures that VCC keeps abreast of the issues, actively discusses options and remains aware that much work is still to be done. She cites that 15% of Canada's population enters post secondary education, but only 3% of Canadian aboriginal people get to this level. About 1-1.5% of VCC's student population is native -- about 300 students. Since approximately 80% of all native youth drop out of high school, the majority of Native Learners at VCC are enrolled in King Edward campus' basic education programs.

To start improving these challenging statistics, VCC, with support from Shirley, has developed a vision for First Nations Education. VCC hopes to see "significant change in the number of First Nations Learners who will realize their educational and career aspirations (and)...First Nations Learners empowered to achieve their academic potential in an environment which advocates full access, participation and success for First Nations Learners."

Several VCC administrators and faculty members currently serve on committees dedicated to making this vision a reality. Some

changes have been made, but all concerned know that the road still stretches long before them. The struggles some native learners face will need special attention.

Academic concerns top this list. Shirley cites one VCC study conducted in 1992: "in the first two terms of school, students are at the greatest risk of dropping out. Grade point averages increase in successive terms if they make it through the first two". Grades are affected for some native students by culture shock, underpreparation for College and limited understanding of academic expectations.

Jeff Watts, a 1992 graduate of Langara's Business, Finance and Investment Management Program and Tseshaht Band member, remembers his first encounters with VCC well. He credits much of his success to now retired Langara counsellor, Maida Long, who took the time to understand his culture and need for initial support.

"I didn't know all the things I would have to go through to get to my school goals. I had no idea what business courses were about -- these aren't things that most of our people grow up knowing. We didn't talk about economics and management. Money wasn't really important because our cul-

ture is built on sharing. It's really important to have people to help you understand what is expected."

Jeff and other native students who leave their reserves or small communities to attend school often experience culture shock. "Many of us growing up on reserves aren't exposed to the same things that people our own age group off the reserve are exposed to. For example, on reserves you don't have to pay monthly rent or learn much about budgeting or meeting deadlines. Life is much more relaxed there." In Jeff's first year, his confusion began with September registration and continued at varying levels until exams finished in April.

But in his second year, with a lot of personal effort and support from Langara, Jeff "had it all down pat!" He began working on committees to advise the College on native student's concerns and did well in his courses.

After graduation he worked for his sister-in-law at her catering company, Just Like Grandma's Bannock, which specializes in aboriginal cuisine. The company has enjoyed much success, catering to both native and non native functions, including several at the UBC Museum of Anthropology. Now Jeff is writing a business plan for his own native arts and crafts retail store.

Jeff sees the responsibility for helping native learners as belonging to two groups: (1) the college by supporting existing and developing new native programs and services and (2) the native students themselves. "No matter who you are, to get anywhere, you need to read and study and do your best. We may have to try a little harder, but it is our responsibility."

"We are starting to become known and recognized as Indians in the education system. We are taking responsibility for our own education because we are the ones who know and can take the best care of our own people."

Jeff, like many native post secondary students plans to return to his band to share the knowledge he has learned here. VCC has been a big part of this road to empowerment.

"VCC has treated me well," he says with a smile. ♦

## LETTERS

### A WELL DESERVED SCHOLARSHIP

I am the (King Edward Campus) recipient of the Alumni Association Scholarship this year. I would like to thank you for this award and let you know how honoured I am.

When I came back to school a year and a half ago I had doubts whether I could give my child, Megan, all she needed and keep up with my studies. I have managed, sometimes with ease and sometimes with a struggle, very successfully. It means a lot to me to be acknowledged for my hard work.

I will remain at KEC for the remainder of this year and then will hopefully be going to BCIT to enter their Medical Radiography program.

Thank you again.

Lara Wing, KEC, College Foundations, 1993

### I DARE YOU TO PRINT THIS

I was amazed to pick up your (last) Alumnews paper and see a full cover glowing profile of Finance Minister Glen Clark, who attended Langara 18 years ago.

A bit of history is in order. During the Fall 1992 Langara strike, the VCC board and Langara

faculty arrived at a collective agreement. But Mr. Clark elbowed aside the Minister of Advanced Education and then threatened to scuttle Langara Campus' independence from VCC (for which Langara teachers had struggled for 20 years), unless instructors agreed to a one-year wage freeze.

According to Langara faculty president and others, Mr. Clark also threatened to remove the school's right to deficit-finance itself, and suggested he might cancel the Fall 1992 term (which would have spelled disaster for 6,000 Langara students) unless faculty agreed to his demands.

With great difficulty, I first reported this sad tale to the public in the December 8 Vancouver Sun. The LFA President called Clark's actions "extortion" and "crude interference in the collective bargaining process," and warned that the actions "bode ill for the entire public sector."

There were hundreds of other graduates you could have profiled on the cover, unless this was a toadyish ploy to appease the minister after his negative Langara publicity of last fall. For your paper to hail Mr. Clark after the events cited above is deeply offensive to countless Langara faculty and students.

Stanley Tromp, Langara, Journalism, 1993

# Curb The Career Crazies

For the fourth consecutive year, the VCC Alumni Association is organizing a Career Fair for alumni and current students of Vancouver Community College.

With BC's unemployment rate holding at disturbing levels and the trend of Canadians to change careers several times in our working lives, the Alumni Association is attempting to help current and future members search...and research!



Visitors can meet Human Resources staff from exhibiting companies at VCC Alumni Assn. sponsored Career Fairs.

Career Fairs are special events

where local employers set up displays promoting their companies and job opportunities. Hu-

man Resources personnel answer visitor's questions about their company and field, accept resumes, distribute job application forms and informational brochures.

This Career Fair will put a human face on the job search process by offering a rare opportunity for applicants to meet potential employers in person! And for those not looking for work but thinking about a future career overhaul, this Fair could be the ideal place to begin research and networking. Join us to meet companies representing dozens of career fields in business, finance, hospitality and tourism, health care and more! ♦

**CAREER FAIR ORGANIZED BY VCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:**  
DATE: Thursday, March 17, 1994  
HOURS: 9:00 - 3:00  
PLACE: VCC, City Centre, 250 W. Pender St., Vancouver  
ADMISSION IS FREE FOR MORE INFORMATION: 871-7147



# Special Education Celebrates 25 Years

1993 was a year of celebration for Langara's Special Education Assistant Program. It marked 25 years of preparing students to support both teachers and students in the school system!

To celebrate this long success and continued growth, 80 graduates plus past and current instructors gathered at Langara campus for a program reunion last May 29.

An organizing committee of three program grads, Linda Barnes, Leah Levitt and Marie Pighin, and current program coordinator, Ken Pawlak, worked to promote the event and create an interesting historical program which included ample time for socializing!

Alumni were seated according to their graduation years and were invited to introduce their table and discuss what the program, employment opportunities and attitude toward the profession was like in "their time". Vast changes have taken place over 25 years!

The Special Education Assistant Certificate Program was first offered at Langara in 1968 under its original name, The Teaching Assistant Program. Ken Pawlak notes "it was first developed to validate volunteer jobs performed in the schools by parents and other interested citizens." Classified as technical training for people wanting to gain work in non-instructional roles, most graduates were employed as lab assistants, audio-visual technicians etc.

With the integration of students with special needs into the school system, however, the program later shifted away from materials based training toward a more student focused curriculum. Today graduates perform para-professional duties in schools, specifically in special education. Most work one-to-one with students providing personal care, in-class learning support and more. Each year over 100 applicants compete for just 30 program seats.

The Alumni Association wishes the Special Education Assistant Program another 25 years of success!

## HEAD CHEESE!

City Centre instructor Doug Mauger was appointed Department Head Retail Meat Processing effective September 1, 1993. Doug replaces Sid Herringer who is planning a very active retirement. Best wishes to both!

## JUNO AWARD WINNERS!

As always, Langara's Theatre Arts program has produced some of Canada's best! Program alumni who received 1993 Juno Awards are:

**Pearl Belleson** for her body of work during the season.

**Roy Surette** - Ensemble Performance (Director) THE NUMBER 14

- Collective Concept and Writing Team THE NUMBER 14  
**Beatrice Zellinger** - Collective Concept and Writing Team THE NUMBER 14

- Ensemble Performance (Cast) THE NUMBER 14

**Kim Kondrashoff** - Member of ensemble cast BEGGARS IN THE HOUSE OF PLENTY

**Wendy Noel** - Performance - LIPS TOGETHER, TEETH APART

**Pam Johnson** - Design Team (Set) MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

**Bonnie Panych** - Ensemble Cast - ALL GROWN UP

**John Moffat** - Community Recognition Award for MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

## BUDGET BODY WORK

Budget conscious alumni (and who isn't?) will be pleased to learn that the automotive department at KEC offers auto repair, maintenance and detailing services at about 1/2 the price charged by regular shops!

Students in training may take a little longer to do break jobs, body repairs, tune ups etc. but you will save money while giving students hands on experience. Call to find out when the services are scheduled in the curriculum. Auto Collision repairs: Ross at 871-7415;

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Auto Mechanics: Robert at 871-7426.

## INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY

A Gambian gentleman who wants to take one of City Centre's internationally acclaimed Hospitality and Tourism courses writes:

"In the four corners, or around the world there are many who can write learned books, there are many who can rule great kingdoms, and there are many who lead armies, but there are few who can manage a hotel."

Do you agree Hospitality and Tourism alum?

## ADVOCATING FOR ADVOCATES

The KEC Student Advocate program received \$30,000 this past summer from government and community groups for its 1993-94 operating year.

The program offers training to selected students who act as advocates to other students needing interpretation, accompaniment to community or government agencies or personal support.

Each year, \$40,000-\$50,000 is needed to operate the program. Donna Barreca, program coordinator is always seeking funds and funding ideas. Call her at 871-7207 if you can help.

## FACULTY GRADUATION

Peter Herd, Math and Science Instructor in the BTSD/BEST programs, recently completed his MA thesis in Adult Learning at SFU, graduating in October, 1993. Congratulations!

## AKA LANGARA COLLEGE

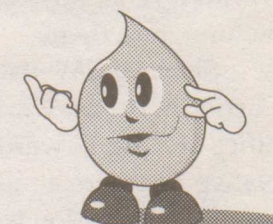
With Langara's impending separation from VCC nearing (April 1, 1994), the campus has now been officially renamed "Langara College".

Although it has often mistakenly been called Langara College in the community and media, the name is now legal! Watch for exciting changes in the next few months at Langara.

## BLOOD DONOR CLINICS AT VCC

The Canadian Red Cross is searching for VCC alumni to become blood donors. Since the VCC campuses regularly host Blood Donor Clinics, donating is as easy as visiting your alma mater!

The next VCC hosted clinic is:  
**Wednesday, February 9, 1994**  
**VCC, Langara Campus, 100 W. 49 Ave.**  
**Study Area - Health Services**  
**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**



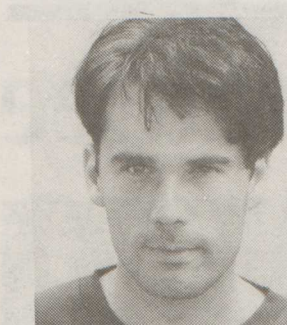
For more information on clinic schedules or becoming a blood donor, please call 1-800-565-8000.

# A Potent Mix

...is what you get when talented 1989 Langara Journalism graduate Mike Usinger takes on the task of writing a campaign against drinking and driving.

Mike's emotional three part series brings to life the powerful realities of this criminal offence by telling the true stories of people whose lives have been tragically altered by it.

The series, which ran on consecutive Wednesdays last December in The Vancouver



Journalist with a cause, Mike Usinger.

Courier, featured the personal tales of a wheelchair athlete crippled by a drunk driver, the mother of a young woman killed in a crash and a remorseful repeat drunk driver who is trying to turn his life around. Each segment was laced with sobering statistics related to drunk

driving in BC.

This project entitled "Alcohol and Automobiles: A Deadly Mix" won three awards in the last year. It took the BCBA Award for Hard News, secured first place in the seventh annual ICBC Media Awards Competition and won the provincial MacMillan Bloedel Journalism Award for a community newspaper series, awarded at the BC and Yukon Community Newspaper Association's convention in October, 1993.

Mike is very positive about his life as a student at Langara. "The Journalism Program at Langara is very practical and really prepared me well for a start in this field. I'm glad I went to Langara. I really had a fabulous time."

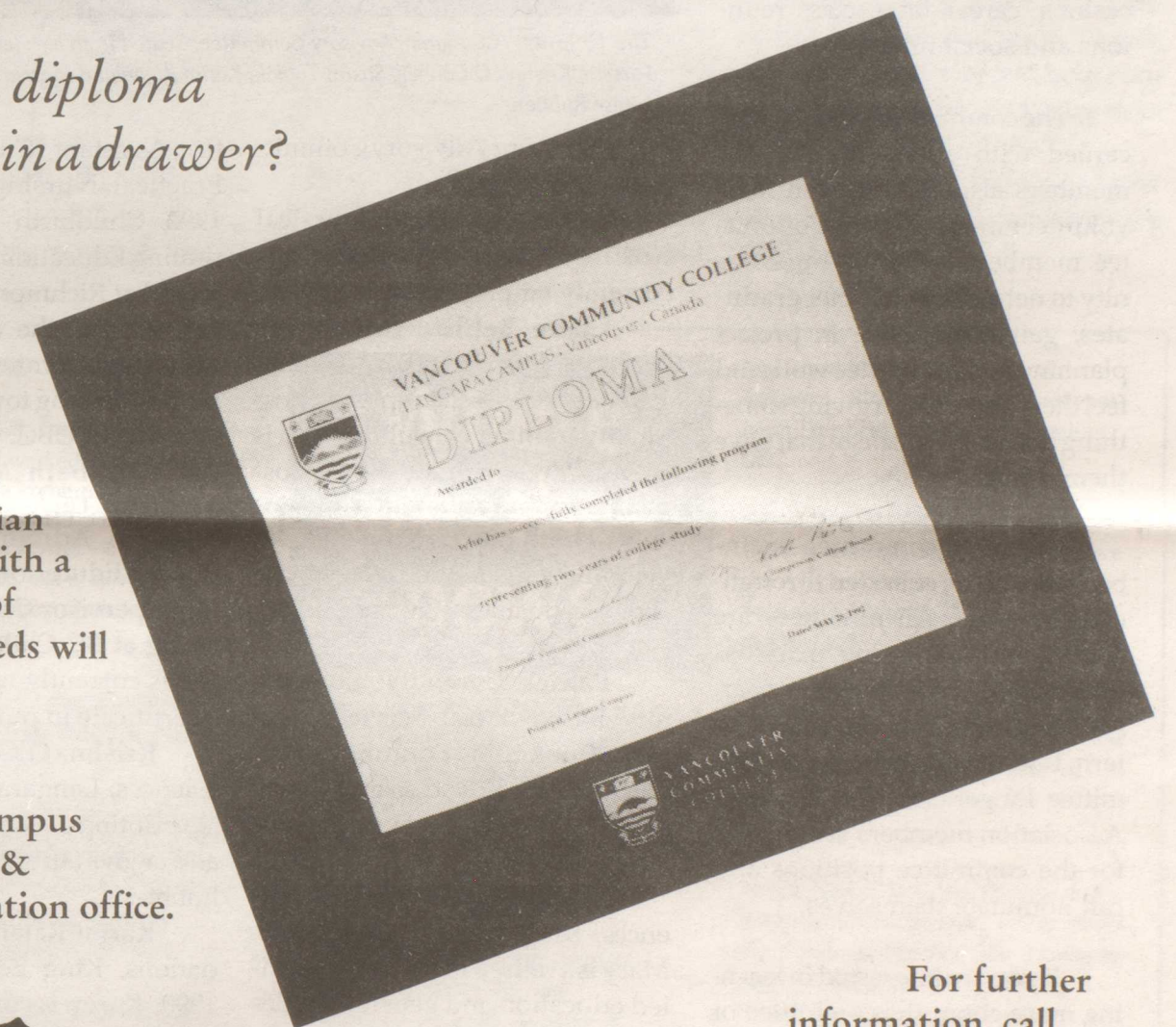
Mike has been working for The Vancouver Courier since January, 1990. His current beat is city hall. ♦

# Don't put your diploma in the drawer! Frame it!

*You worked hard for your diploma or certificate, so why keep it in a drawer?*

Now you can proudly showcase your achievement with the Vancouver Community College Alumni Association certificate and diploma frame. For only \$39.95 (plus PST), your diploma, certificate, or even class photo can be framed in a high-quality, Canadian made, polished brass frame, complete with a mat emblazoned with the official logo of Vancouver Community College. Proceeds will help support the ongoing activities and services of the Alumni Association.

The frames are available at the three campus bookstores (City Centre, King Edward & Langara), as well as the Alumni Association office.



For further information, call the Alumni Association at 871-7147, or fill out the following form and mail it to the VCC Alumni Association, 1155 E. Broadway, Box 24700, Station 'F', Vancouver, BC V5N 5V1 or FAX it to 871-7200.

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# Meet The Alumni Advisory Committee

Q: How does the alumni office keep in touch with your interests?

A: Through the VCC Alumni Association Advisory Committee! This dedicated group of VCC graduates are one of the driving forces behind the Alumni Association. They are the vital link between the alumni office and the grads we serve.

The committee is comprised of 12 volunteer alumni who meet monthly to review the association's programs and services, provide feedback to alumni office staff and assist with various tasks at special events such as fundraising casinos, career fairs, class reunions and social functions.

The committee is largely concerned with alumni issues, but members also benefit from their volunteer involvement. Committee members have the opportunity to network with other graduates, gain experience in project planning and committee work and feel the satisfaction of giving something back to the College that gave them a start.

Potential committee member's names are collected throughout the year. All nominees are contacted in late spring to discuss opportunities for the next year. Members commit to a one year term but may remain on the committee longer. All VCC Alumni Association members are eligible for the committee positions and can nominate themselves.

If you are interested in learning more about the committee or becoming involved in other ways, please call Tracy Manrell at 871-7147. We would be pleased to speak with you!



The 1993-94 VCC Alumni Advisory Committee. Seated from left: Jeff Watts, Kristi Searle and Claire Belilos. Standing from left: Mary Forsyth, Krishna O'Connell, Susan Toplak, Karim Rajan and Marcia Gofsky. Missing Ed Balona, Patrick Connolly, Liz Majestic and Louise Rubben.

Meet your Advisory Committee for 1993-94:

**Eduardo Balona:** Practical Nursing, City Centre, 1992. Ed is currently employed as an LPN.

**Claire Belilos:** Instructor's Diploma Program, City Centre, 1992. Claire is a self-employed hospitality training consultant who is currently re-writing her own hospitality training manual. She is involved with the Training and Development Society of BC and the Women Business Owner's Association.

**Patrick Connolly:** Community Based Social Services Program, Continuing Education, 1988. Patrick is employed as an activity supervisor at the Forensic Psychiatric Institute.

**Mary Forsyth:** Arts and Sciences, King Edward High, 1968. Mary is a retired teacher who studied education and general studies at SFU. She is currently researching and writing the history of South Burnaby.

**Marcia Gofsky:** Medical Of-

fice Assistant, City Centre, 1976, Practical Nursing, City Centre, 1992, Childbirth Educator, Continuing Education, 1993. Marcia is an RN at Richmond General Hospital where she also Chairs the Education Committee. She is currently working towards her BSc in Nursing at UBC.

**Elizabeth Majestic:** Food Services Technician, Langara, Business Administration, Continuing Education. Liz is the Senior Supervisor Cafeterias and Catering at BC Children's Hospital. She is currently working towards a certificate in purchasing at SFU.

**Krishna O'Connell:** Arts and Sciences, Langara, 1990. Krishna is a printing clerk at Canadian Facts and enjoys tap and jazz dancing as hobbies.

**Karim Rajan:** College Foundations, King Edward Campus, 1990. Karim is currently studying Health Care Management at BCIT and serves as this committee's liaison to the VCC Educational Foundation's Board of Directors.

**Louise Rubben:** Cooking/Meat Processing, City Centre, 1992. Louise is a cook at the Vancouver International Youth Hostel.

**Kristi Searle:** Small Business Development, Langara, 1987. Kristi is a Personnel Consultant with The Personnel Department. She is an active member of the Sales and Marketing Executives Association and Commodore Discovery Sailing Club.

**Susan Toplak:** Accounting, Langara, 1987. Susan works in accounting for Chambers Phillips Management Consultants Ltd. and has been involved with the Alumni Association as a committee member and event volunteer since 1988.

**Jeffrey Watts:** Business, Finance and Investment Management, Langara, 1992. Jeff is currently a student, researching and writing a business proposal for his own retail native arts/crafts store. He has also assisted with the management of a local catering company specializing in aboriginal cuisine. ♦

## How Many Shopping Days?

The holiday season is just around the corner. The time between now and the festivities will pass quickly. By sending your season's greetings with cards from the VCC Educational Foundation, you can give the gift of a scholarship or bursary to a VCC student.

You'll be showing your friends and business associates that you care about educating people for the real world, for real jobs. Each card you send will help make others aware of Vancouver Community College.

Our holiday cards are a VCC effort from start to finish -- although we did send out for the shrink wrapping. The delightfully unique artwork was designed by William Stockmann, a VCC instructor. His was the winning entry in the foundation's college-wide competition for the cover design. Students in the Printing Production program printed the cards as part of their course work.

The cost of a package of 12 cards is \$9.95 (plus 7% PST). We hope you will agree this is a terrific value -- less than 90 cents per card. Your company name or logo can be imprinted for approximately ten cents per card. All proceeds go to an endowment to provide scholarships and bursaries for deserving students.

It's easy. Please call in your order now to 871-7175, before the cards are sold out. Or, you can FAX it to Michele Davidson at 871-7200. ♦

## Man In Motion

One of Wayne Lowes' companies is aptly named SIMS International Systems -- short for Always in Motion Services. With three successful businesses and two more in the development stage, Wayne is never in one place for long. Talking with him, one can almost see the light bulbs fire up in his head when new ideas strike, which is often.

Although Wayne has never attended VCC, his voluntary involvement with the College reflects that of a highly dedicated alumnus and college advocate. His many contributions to the college are impressive indeed.

Wayne's volunteer involvement with VCC began in 1988 when Langara held a mural painting competition to brighten up the campus. Close friend and Langara instructor, Mary Anne Boyd told Wayne about her difficulty finding prizes. Wayne got on the phone and within ten minutes raised over \$2,800 in donations to fund a first

prize of one year's free tuition.

One year later, in 1989, he came up with a unique way to help students at VCC. Once again the seed was planted by Mary Anne, as she listed the things that needed doing around the college. On the way back to Vancouver Freightliner, a truck dealership he owned at the time, Wayne clicked into a variation of the popular condo lotteries: raffling a big semi. He had the necessary "ins" with the trucking industry, and the VCC Educational Foundation stepped in to administer the lottery. The first truck lottery was launched in 1990 and proved so successful that it has become a much anticipated annual event.

Wayne believes many people have benefitted from the lottery, not just VCC students and the winners. "Truckers have got sort of a bad rap. Most truckers these days are pretty smart business people. Basically, they operate their own small business, using computers to track loads,

routes, etc. The logistics involved in trucking are incredible -- these guys have to be on the ball! The truck lottery helps dispel the stereotype of the big dumb trucker."

"As a parent, having the opportunity to see for myself inside the educational system was interesting. Before, I sometimes felt discouraged because there are so many problems. But now having met some of the people involved in post secondary education, I see their commitment and I feel more confident."

Wayne feels strongly about education in today's world. "The days when a person could work their way up to a decent job with no post-secondary training, or even without finishing high school, are long gone. I started fund for my daughter Alison's education when she was one year old.



VCC supporter Wayne Lowes counts flying his helicopter among his favourite hobbies.

When she graduates from high school she can study whatever she wants, wherever she wants."

Despite the hectic pace of his life, Wayne remains involved with VCC. He sees a real need for additional funding and says, "I was brought up to share and help your neighbours, so I'll always try to be there for VCC students."

Thank you Wayne. Maybe we could make you an honorary VCC alumnus! ♦

## Heritage Follow Up...

The last edition of the Alumnews carried a story highlighting the plight of a heritage building located on the Langara Golf Course adjacent to Langara Campus.

This building, known as The Langara Golf Course Clubhouse, is a class "B" heritage structure built in 1926. It was slated for demolition until the Langara Faculty Association (LFA) and other community groups attempted to intervene. Accompanying our article was a questionnaire calling for alumni input into the campaign.

Since that article appeared, Andrew Whitaker, the Langara economics instructor spearheading the effort, received several alumni responses. To those supporters Andrew is appreciative, saying "we are still dangling and not down yet!"

Andrew reports that the building is definitely still standing. The Vancouver Parks Board who is now legally responsible for it are willing to lease it to the LFA if certain requirements are met. Two of these criteria are securing long term funding for continued maintenance plus locating an affordable caterer to provide necessary food services.

The LFA hopes to work through this process and sign a lease that would enable them to use the building for campus/college purposes. As the lease holders, the LFA could make the building available to different groups including the Alumni Association. What a grand location for class reunions and socials!

Volunteer help and financial donations are still being sought. Call Andrew Whitaker at 324-5483 if you want to become involved.

### CITY CENTRE

New, W. A. (Bill), Diesel, 1957. After graduating Bill worked in marine engineering but came ashore in 1973 to oversee his family's shipping business, Coast Ferries - Coastal Towing Co. Ltd. Bill is currently the Advisory Committee Chair for KEC's Diesel Program.

Canero, Clarita C., Practical Nursing, 1974 is now employed at St. Pauls Hospital, Vancouver.

Chan, Calvin K., Electronics Technician, 1992 works at Nedco Cellular Sales and Service Centre as a Cellular Service Technician and runs a successful international marketing business.

Chow, Catherine K.J., Hairdressing, 1992. Catherine is now employed at Blondie's Hair Design Corporation in Burnaby.

Demmon, Deana Y., Electronics-Telecom, 1992 is working as an Electronics Technician part time at home and part time for a company in Armstrong, BC.

Lee, Bertha, Home Support Aide, Upgrade, 1992 is continuing in her job at Olsten Health Care.

Kaarvik, Christin, Dental Assisting, 1993 is now the mother of a 7 month old!

### KING EDWARD

McLellan, Roslyn A., Senior Matriculation, 1969, Non Profit Mgmt., 1991. A true VCC supporter, Roslyn plans to enter the Fundraising Management program this year!

## Where are they now?

Heidrich, Vincent, Diesel Technician, 1992 is currently seeking employment in the Diesel Mechanics field.

Nguyen, Tai, Institutional Aide, 1992 is now employed by a Port Moody Hospital.

Wong, Ken, Volunteer Management, 1993. Ken recently became Coordinator, Volunteer Services at Mount St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver. Congratulations, Ken!

### LANGARA

Dillon, Patrick, Recreation Leadership, 1988 is now living and working in Camrose, Alberta as Executive Director of a Boys and Girls Club.

McHugh, Anne-Rachelle, Journalism, 1989 worked as a reporter for four years after graduating and is currently employed by the GVRD's communications and education department.

Gee, Elise, Arts and Sciences, 1990 recently graduated from UBC with a BA in English Literature.

Mitchell, Tanya, Arts and Sciences, 1991 is studying at Kwantlen College with the ultimate goal of becoming a criminal psychologist. She writes, "I miss Langara!"

Ng, David Whyte Tye, Arts and Sciences, 1991 is now in his final year of an Electrical Engineering degree at UBC.

Regan, Katrina, Arts and Sciences, 1991 is currently attending SFU where she will graduate in 1994 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Cheng, Sharyne, Nursing, 1992, is currently working as an RN in an acute care setting. She plans to study at UBC this fall to obtain her BSc in Nursing.

Jarego, Joseph, Business, Finance and Investment Management, 1992, misses the Vancouver beaches after moving to Calgary! He is lending and selling mutual funds in the credit union system.

Reynolds, Sheila, Arts and Sciences, 1992, is studying Anthropology and History at UBC.

Richard, Kenneth Joseph, Arts and Sciences, 1992, recently divorced and remarried. His wife Abigail Marie just gave birth to their first born, a daughter, Calli Marie.

Archibald, Edith, Special Education Asst., 1993, changed careers from an LPN, working shifts and weekends to a Special Education Assistant. Now she gets weekends, statutory holidays and summers off!

Lockhart, Mistrelle, Arts and Sciences, 1993 is now studying Classical Studies. After she completes her BA, she hopes to work in a museum or in conservation issues.



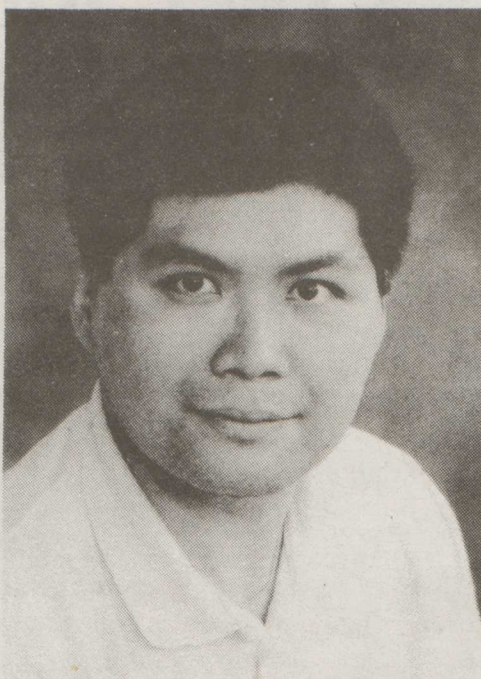


## Local Florist Earns FTD "Advanced Master Florist Manager" Status

SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN — Florists' Transworld Delivery (FTD) Association Member Christie Jung of Bloomingdale's Florist, Ltd. 2513 Main Street, Vancouver, BC, has been certified as an Advanced Master Florist Manager by the FTD Academy of Contemporary Education. FTD is the world's oldest and largest inter-city flowers-by-wire delivery organization.

To attain the elite status of Advanced Master Florist Manager, Mr. Jung completed four advanced FTD seminars in the areas of personnel, marketing, finance and productivity. Jung was first certified as a Master Florist Manager after successfully completing four 'basic knowledge' business seminars.

The advanced seminars have been tailored specifically to the retail florist business and the information gained will enable Jung to better serve customers in the Vancouver area.



Christie Jung, owner of Bloomingdale's and member of the VCC Alumni Association.

FTD is the only flowers-by-wire delivery organization that is owned and operated by its retail florist Members. Over 25,000 independent, professional retail florists are Members of FTD. Through their local and international network, FTD Florists can provide delivery of fresh flowers and plants almost anywhere in the world. FTD Florists have been serving customers since 1910.

Bloomingdale's offers a wide variety of fresh cut flowers suitable for bouquets and arrangements, as well as an assortment of dried flowers.

A graduate of the Arts & Sciences program at Vancouver Community College, Christie is also a multicultural ambassador for the Variety Club and a supporter of the VCC Alumni Association.



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### CALLING ALUMNI FAMILIES!

Are you a member of a family of VCC graduates? Have you and a minimum of two other family members - siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins or family pet - attended VCC?

If so, the Alumni Association is searching for you! We would like an hour of your time to hear about your experiences at VCC and what you are all doing now. Please call Tracy Manrell at 871-7147.

### WHAT'S NEW IN YOUR LIFE?

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