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## Midsummer

It's a wet and chilly 7 degrees at 2:00 a.m. on the far side of Burnaby Central Park. The only sound is the thudding of your heart and the wet slip-slap of running shoes as other runners slog past you in the rain. It's as far away as you can get from the noise and glare of Swangard Stadium's track with only your laboured breathing to keep you company. Your knees ache and your shoes fill with rainwater that squishes with every step. You could slow to a walk, no one would know, but that would mean this lap would be slower. Slower means fewer laps, fewer miles, fewer dollars! Have to keep going! Only one more run after this at 6:00 a.m. By then the sun will be up and it will be easier after a few hours sleep. Just have to finish this one!

All your concentration is centred on that thought, "just finish" when you hear a different cadence approaching from behind. The breathing is the same but accompanied by an irregular step, slap from one shoe, thump, then slap again. It's just strange enough to break your concentration. As the runner pulls even with you the gleam of metal crutches bounces off the lights at the Patterson St. Skytrain Station. One foot hits the pavement and then two crutches lurch ahead for the second step. The runner is not wearing any prosthesis, his stump swinging free.

He slows down to pace beside you as you both enter the last hill before the entrance to the track. Christmas lights arch overhead to illuminate the darkness of the bike path. "You're doing okay," he says, "you're almost there, last quarter mile, last hill --

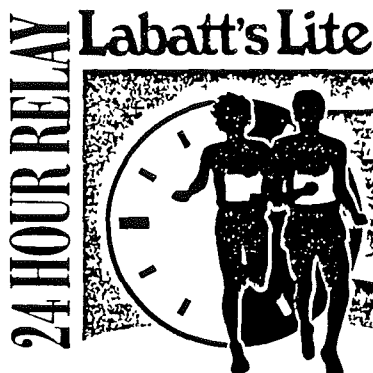
## Madness

just take it easy! You'll make it!" "Thanks" you manage to wheeze, as he swings away up the small incline, as graceful as a thoroughbred, and disappears into the darkness. "I'll be okay?" you think. The irony of it is staggering as you run on two sound legs up that same incline. Realizing that small distraction was enough to catch an invaluable second wind, gratitude overwhelms you. Gratitude he was there in the dark just as you wanted to quit.

Team spirit -- even at 2:22 a.m., the knowledge that several familiar faces will be watching to see you make it back into the stadium and will cheer as if you had just won the gold medal as you finish those last

tortuous metres. You know you'll finish because even though he wasn't on your team, you are both part of a team 10,000 people strong, united in the common goal to raise as much money as possible in 24 hours for crippled children. No adrenalin high, or aching knees; no sleep deprivation or strained muscles will match that feeling when the last lap is finished, the gun goes off, and there is over a million dollars on the scoreboard! Your knees will recover after a hot bath. After a sound sleep the muscles will unkink. You, unlike the kids in the chairs and on crutches, will stand up and walk away.

Every third or fourth weekend in June for the last 12 years approximately 10,000 crazy people, their spouses, children and relatives gather in the lingering light of the summer solstice to push themselves to the limit. Some have never run further than a block, and



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## Midsummer Madness

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others think nothing of 15k before breakfast every day. There is a team of blind runners and a team of wheelchair athletes. Each of the 160 teams is comprised of 20 runners, who will run a series of 2.5 mile relays out of Swangard Stadium, around Burnaby Central Park and back into the stadium to pass the baton to the next member of their team. At any time in that twenty-four hour period there is one runner from each team on the circuit. An assortment of volunteers will water, cheer on, clock laps and massage their teammates. The volunteers keep the runners going and on the track. All the labour, equipment, and material is donated. All the money raised goes to the B. C. Lion's Society for Crippled Children.

Every year for the last nine years Vancouver Community College has had a team in this event. The VCC No Name Runners. This year our team is called the Vancouver Community College Selects. Comprised of staff, students, alumni, administrators and friends of the College, we were the first educational institution to field a team in the Labatt's 24 Hr. Run. The

College has paid the \$150.00 entrance fee for the last three years. Unfortunately, we run without uniforms, but we do run with A-HELL-OF-A-LOT-OF-SPIRIT. We have competed against some huge corporations, for example, 7-11, MacDonald's, Remax, IBM, RCMP to name a few.

Every year we're asked the same question. Why do we do it? Why do we continue to field a team with little money, no uniforms and only our spirit to keep us going? Why do we plead and coerce co-workers and colleagues into pledging something...anything...so we make enough pledges to not be kicked off the roster? (There is a 100 company-waiting list to get into this event.) We always say the same thing--for the kids!

How can we take you there to feel that tremendous rush of pride? How can we make you feel that low of a 2 a.m. run? This is our best shot. We run because we can, and because we can make a difference! We need your support to do it June 22 & 23, 1991.

On behalf of the Vancouver Community College Selects. *Stephanie Jewell*

## people news

### Retirement Bash Follow-up

Thursday, May 16th fifty members of the City Centre community celebrated with **Ann Dahl** on the event of her retirement. We had a wonderful time, shared happy memories, and ate the excellent food prepared by **Condy Leung**, and his Asian Culinary Arts students. Ann received a gigantic card, a crystal and brass display cabinet, a basket of plants and a bouquet of flowers. I would like to thank everyone who participated, contributed and attended this celebration. For those of you who were unable to attend and think you have missed wishing Ann well, don't worry she is still guarding the door outside of Linda's office and will be until a new guard is found.

### Retired?

**Who me?** I just wanted a party and some presents! Hope you all had a good time. I sure did. Many, many thanks. Seriously, though, **Hilary Wong**, formerly **Stephanie Forsyth's** secretary, will be taking my place. Hilary, however, is still on maternity leave and won't be back until November. In the meantime, I've been trying to make application for my government pensions, but Ottawa is reluctant to believe I exist, notwithstanding that I've been paying income tax for the past 47 years and have been a naturalized Canadian citizen for 56 years. So-o-o rather than to the expense of advertising a temporary position, I'm staying on until Hilary takes over.  
*Ann Dahl*



## people ...

### **Fond Farewells**

Yes, he really has left this time folks! Kees Hoff, newly promoted to Langara had his last day on Friday, May 31, 1991. He can be reached at 324-5425, at Langara. As we say bye to Kees we can extend a hearty congratulations to Malcolm McIntosh! Malcolm is the new Audio Visual Technician in charge. He is taking over Kees' old job. Congratulations Malcolm!

The mail room will not be the same without Rozamina Harani's quiet smile! No longer will the delightful scent of Alfred Sung permeate the daily mail or lost mail find its way as quickly into the correct mail box. Rosamina will be on her way to an extended visit with her family in Kenya. Happy visit Rosamina, we'll miss you! Soak up some sun for us who languish in the Rain Forest. The friendly face you see filling in until this position is filled is Gabriela DeVerrier on loan to us from King Edward Campus. Welcome Gabriela!

### **Car Wash a Great Success!**

VCC's Labatt's 24-hr Relay Team thanks you for your support! The day was wet and wild but by 3:00 p.m. May 13th the sun had chased away the clouds and brought 16 dirty cars to be washed. Our team, the VCC Selects, raised \$80.00 toward uniforms. Many, many thanks to Angelo Iapalucci who did every thing but set up a road block to lure dirty cars into the car wash and the equipment supplied by the Building Service Worker Program. Thanks so much to all of you who trusted us with your valuable autos. A similar car wash held at Langara on the one sunny day we've had in three months, June 6 netted the team \$137.00. How come there are more dirty autos at Langara?

### **Onward & Upward -- Appointments at City Centre**

Steve Stafford is the newly-appointed Department Head of the Food and Beverage Management Department. As of July 1, 1991 Steve will be replacing

Charles Kilchenmann, who has decided to take a break from administrative responsibilities, but will remain as an instructor. Many thanks to Charles for all his efforts. Good Luck to you Steve! Steve can be reached at local 343, 349, or at J.J.'s outside line, 669-9373

Maciej Walentowicz has been reappointed Coordinator II of the Jewellery Department as of May 22/91. This is his second term in this position. Congratulations, Maciej! Don't miss the lovely display of jewellery complements of Maciej's class now being exhibited in the Mall.

### **Welcome Back!**

Welcome back to a familiar face in Counselling! Delores Callahan has returned to her position as Student Services Assistant. Nice to have you back on board, Delores!

### ***In Memoriam***

*As many of you are aware our friend and colleague Ken Rothwell, previous Department Head of the Dental/Technician-Denturist Department passed away recently. In his memory a bursary/scholarship fund has been established. Those of you who wish to remember Ken in a special way may forward their donations to the:*

**Ken Rothwell Memorial Fund**  
C/OVCC Educational Foundation  
1155 East Broadway  
Box 24700, Station "C"  
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 4N4



# campus department round-up

## Administration

### CATERING SERVICES

We have great food here at City Centre but unfortunately, as great as it is -- it is not fast food. We are not a McDonald's franchise (not yet anyway)! That means no matter how much you may like to order at the drop of a hat it does not work that way. All catering services are handled by Mr. H. (Henry) Subasinghe at local 346. If you wish food delivered to a room on this campus, please notify him **IN WRITING** and be sure to give the department sufficient lead time (no, Virginia, five minutes is not enough) to provide the services you require. Definition of lead time: five working days, except for small orders like pastries, then two days are sufficient. If you are **off campus** please allow a day or two extra to allow for the vagaries of the campus mail service or use the fax machine. Remember it's good--not fast and no ticket--no laundry!

### GRADUATION

The next ceremonies are scheduled for Wednesday, June 19 at the Hotel Vancouver. This is somewhat of a departure from previous events in that it will also be held in the evening starting at 7:00 p.m. As in previous years, we will need volunteers to help with gowning, ushering, crowd control, etc. If you would like to help, please phone **Margaret Charles or Nancy Cloutier** at local 412 or tell your Division Chair. This is your big chance to give orders and actually have people respond. What power! Come and give us a hand. We will need all the help we can get. *Thanks, your Graduation Committee!*

### SIGNS

NO, Your eyes do not deceive you! There are new signs going up on the building. The first arrived last Thursday and over the next week the process will be completed. At last, solid proof that there is no identity crisis.

### THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!

A big thank-you from **Sam Di Giando** to all those who helped out in the planning and running of the

Awards Ceremony held on May 17. In particular, **Dana Fister, Carol Francis, France Gagnon, Barbara Jackson, Margaret Charles, George Clark and David Wiebe**. Thanks also to **Condy Leung, Gabe Ferron, Henry Subasinghe** and their students and staff for preparing and serving such excellent food.

### TELEPHONE BLOOPERS!

Not only does the dang thing barely work but the now there are errors in the phone book! **Susanne Sunell** is the Department Head for the Dental Hygiene Department not **Lexie Martin** as is listed in the current directory. Oops! Please make this correction in your directories. Sorry about that **Suzanne & Lexie!** The next edition of the directory will be corrected.

### QUESTIONNAIRE - NATIVE EDUCATION ENROLMENT AT CITY CENTRE

Copies of these questionnaires with an attached covering letter were distributed to all instructors via their departments. Native students were asked to complete the questionnaire and drop it off at a box in the library. Unfortunately, to date, the response has been very poor. I would ask that all instructors please make another announcement in class. The questionnaire can be found in a display rack outside the Student Association office and on the counter in the Library near the door. The drop box is also next to the questionnaire in the library. If students wish, they may return them directly to me either in person or via the mail. Your help in getting this message out again is appreciated. *Thanks! Sam DiGiando*

### Financial Aid (A Grateful Award Winner)

The following excerpt was forwarded from the **Dana Fister** in Financial Aid.

*I would like to thank you for the Vancouver Community College award. It took three weeks to find employment upon completion of my Diploma in Electronics. I am employed by Benndorf-Verster Ltd. My reason for applying for the award was because I needed a suit for job interviews. It turns out my daily dress is now a suit so the money was extremely useful in helping to make the jump from what was acceptable student dress (thread-bare), to a professional business look. Once again thank-you*



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## **Canadian Occupational Health & Safety Week**

The Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week was created to help raise safety awareness at work and in the community, and in doing so, lower the accident rates in the workplace. The best way to make your workplace safer is by integrating such knowledge and preventing accidents before they happen. A group of concerned employees at City Centre who are trying to make your workplace safer is the City Centre Health and Safety Committee. This committee includes members from the administration, management, VMREU and VIA.

Committee members include:

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Syd Hartley, Chairman | Lila McFadden   |
| George Clark          | Pat Smith       |
| Angelo Iapallucci     | Holly Cole      |
| Linda Martin          | Jackie Sandy    |
| David Kolot           | Jerome Schatten |
| Carey Stoneberg       |                 |

This committee has become involved in a diverse range of problems and employee complaints. In the past year they have:

- investigated accidents
- investigated complaints
- recommended many changes to procedures or upgrades to facilities
- implemented proper safe work procedures

In fact this group is willing to consider any item related to health and safety in the workplace. If you have any questions, complaints, or suggestions that could make your workplace a better place, please contact anyone of this concerned group. Together we can achieve excellence in safety.

**Dave Keen, Coordinator-Occupational Safety**

## **Find Out How Fit You Are!!**

Fitness World, in conjunction with your Health and Safety Committee, will be conducting Fitness test's during Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week. This testing is done electronically and gives you a complete printout on exercise and lifestyle plans. Watch for posters for more details. Testing starts June 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **Starve Mosquitoes-**

### **Give your blood to people!**

Blood donor clinic! You've been bled dry by the government, the College, and everyone else, might as well put your blood where it will do the most good! Save a life - Give on Tuesday, July 2, 1991 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mall 2nd level.

## **Food Safe is**

### **Your Responsibility**

Help us to eliminate the mice and cockroach problem by keeping your desk, filing cabinets, or office clean at all times. Do not allow food or garbage to build up in your classroom, offices, desks, and filing cabinets and do a weekly clean out before leaving at the end of the week. If we all do our part our pesky friends will have to find new homes.

**Your Health & Safety Committee.**



## **Library**

Looking North: Canada's Arctic Commitment was returned to CC library in error. It is a library book but not ours and, unfortunately, it has no identifying stamps. We will hold it at the circulation desk for its' overdue borrower: it was due somewhere on May 23rd.

**Kathleen Bell**

The following new books have been received in the library:

### **New Books**

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| The Age of Unreason            | Managing for Peak Performance |
| British Columbia.              | Oh, Fudge!                    |
| a history of the province      | A Celebration of America's    |
| Daydreaming                    | Favorite Candy                |
| Designing the Automated Office | Planning & Marketing          |
| The Diverted Dream:            | Conferences & Workshops       |
| Community Colleges &           | Releasing Arthritis           |
| the Promise of Educational     | Robin Ward's Vancouver        |
| Opportunity in America...      | Speaking to a Group           |
| Family Harmony                 | Sylvia Porter's               |
| Going Nowhere Fast:            | Your Finances in the 1990's   |
| Step Off Life's Treadmills .   | Training for Non-Trainers     |
| Headache Relief                | Traveler's Medical Companion  |
| Humor in the Classroom         | Robin Ward's Vancouver        |
| Landscaping With Container     | Weight Watchers               |
| Plants                         | Meals in Minutes Cookbook     |
| Learning for Success           |                               |



# around the college

## Don't Miss Your Copy of Pacific Rim

This year's *Pacific Rim Magazine* will appear on June 6th. Copies will be available from the bookstores on all three campuses, but at \$2.50 rather than the more modest cost of the FP. With timely, well-written, and beautifully illustrated articles, the 1991 PRM is worth searching out. **Tom Meikle, Publisher**

## What's In A Name...

Every year tens of thousands of committed runners, volunteers and spectators converge on Swangard Stadium - Central Park, Burnaby for the Labatt's Lite 24 Hour Relay.

This relay includes 175 teams with 20-30 runners per team. The runners each have pledges behind them and the monies raised are the major annual income for the **British Columbia Lion's Society for Crippled Children**. The corporate sponsors are; Labatt's Lite, Nike Canada and Seawall Running Society. 1991 is the 12th year of the Labatt's Relay and the 9th year that a team has been fielded from Vancouver Community College. Until this year the team has been known as the No-Name Runners. Unfortunately, this trendy title was also used by another team last year! We have struggled long and hard to identify who the team is and what we hope to represent.

...Vancouver Community College pays the entrance fee only for the relay team and has served as the link between the team members, ...members include staff faculty, students and alumni of each campus. The efforts of this running team are not generally known around the college and I feel that 1991 should mark a change in that.

Please look for the **Vancouver Community College Selects** during the next 2 weeks as they seek your support, and make a pledge. Members for 1991 will include:

|                 |         |             |
|-----------------|---------|-------------|
| Cathy Corbeil   | alumni  | City Centre |
| Danielle Simard | staff   | Langara     |
| Dawn Hillson    | staff   | Langara     |
| Elise Routhier  | faculty | Langara     |
| Ellen Bradley   | student | Langara     |
| George Gill     | staff   | Langara     |

## VCC Selects

|                  |         |             |
|------------------|---------|-------------|
| Greg King        | staff   | Langara     |
| Greg Miller      | alumni  | City Centre |
| Ian Forsythe     | faculty | City Centre |
| Jan Marie        | student | Langara     |
| Jayanna Harmon   | student | Langara     |
| Jaylene King     | friend  | Langara     |
| Kathy Inglis     | friend  | Langara     |
| Brian Robson     | staff   | City Centre |
| Kees Hof         | staff   | City Centre |
| Keith Murray     | faculty | Langara     |
| Ken Rogers       | friend  | King Edward |
| Ken Schmunk      | staff   | Langara     |
| Lisa Dans        | student | Langara     |
| Peter Hopkinson  | faculty | King Edward |
| Ron Fletcher     | faculty | King Edward |
| Stephanie Jewell | staff   | City Centre |
| Thorne Husband   | faculty | King Edward |

Your support is not only appreciated but vital to our success! **Susan Reynolds, Langara Bookstore, Team Captain, 1991**

## Association of Women in Post-Secondary Education in B.C.

Women in Post-Secondary Education in BC is newly registered non-profit organization. Our goals are to:

- \*Promote equity of opportunity and excellence in leadership for women in post-secondary education in BC;
- \*Provide information, support, and encouragement to women to take leadership roles in post-secondary education;
- \*Advocate for women to obtain leadership positions in post-secondary education;
- \*Identify and support women in leadership positions to serve as role models for other women aspiring to leadership roles;
- \*Support initiatives that further the goals of the Society.

Membership is open to all women interested in the advancement of women in post-secondary education in British Columbia. The yearly fee for an individual membership is \$25. Further information and membership forms are available from the editor, 2nd floor Administration, local 241.



## *your future --* **Career Opportunities**

The Following positions are open for applications, please contact the Employee Relations Department for more information:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>City Centre</b>          | <b>King Edward</b>          |
| Division Chair              | Division Chair              |
| Technical Division          | Career Division             |
| Closing Date: June 17, 1991 | Closing Date: June 17, 1991 |

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| <b>Library Assistant III (Media)</b> | <b>Langara Campus</b>       |
| Temporary Position: October 7/91     | Admissions Clerk            |
| Closing Date: June 17, 1991          | Closing Date: June 17, 1991 |

### **INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

The following opportunities are open for applications, please contact International Education at 875-1131, local 356 for more information regarding these overseas assignments:

### **Teaching Opportunities in Brunei**

The government of Negara Brunei Darussalam through the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology is offering teaching positions in Brunei for 1991/1992. The areas of specialisation are: English Language, Accountancy, Computer Studies/ Science/Technology, Mathematics, Physics, Electrical/ Electronics/Telecommunication Engineering, Business Administration, and Engineering Science. Starting dates are flexible, but any time after July 1, 1991 would be acceptable.

### **Career Enrichment**



Course information and registration sheets are available in the mail room. Most are limited to twenty participants and registration must be confirmed in writing, with a completed and approved green form. For more information contact Diane at 857-1131 (local 337 or 291)

### **Management Skills for Supervisors**

Part III: Administrative Skills - June 18 to 21 inclusive  
Prerequisite: None Room 5025 (Boardroom)  
Central Administration

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### **TIBETAN CELEBRATION**

The Tibetan Cultural Society of B.C. invites you to join them for a celebration of H.H. the Dalai Lama's Birthday. The festivities include a Tibetan Buffet dinner, video presentation, and will likely wind-up with Tibetan dancing for all wishing to give it a try. Many of the community will be wearing their colourful traditional clothing (Chuba) Join us and learn something about a very interesting group of people -- and have fun at the same time. This joyful occasion is on Saturday, **July 6th, 6:00 p.m. in White Rock**. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and children. Call Michele Davidson for information and tickets at 875-1131.

### **FURNISHED HOUSE/ APARTMENT**

Needed for the month of August for a visiting instructor (Teaching English as a Foreign Language). If you need a homesitter or would like to rent a suite to one male from Britain, please contact **Brenda Pengelly** at the Continuing Education office 875-8200 (KEC) as soon as soon as possible. (KEC vacancy preferred).

### **For Sale:**

Two burgundy highback, tufted, love seats. Pair - \$300.00

Double white porcelain kitchen sink. Brand new! \$150.00

Contact Chris 681-8111, local 438

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