

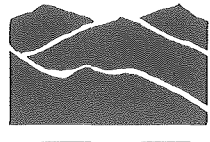
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Good bye George,

From All of Us!

CITY CENTRE



Christmas Comes Early to VCC

Christmas came early to VCC - City Centre last night when over 200 misty-eyed colleagues gathered to say good-bye to **George Clark**. Guests came from all over the province to wish George well in his retirement and to honour his exemplary commitment to a job that has made George the heart of City Centre not just the manager of its physical plant. Guests included former principal **Jake McGinnis** now principal of East Kootenay College, **Hans Rerup** and **Lawrence Fast** and a special guest flown in especially from the North Pole. Who was that masked man in the red suit?

Since Christmas has always been a special season at City Centre primarily because of George Clark's efforts it was more than fitting that Christmas was the

theme of the festivities. The arrival of Santa Claus (played by former security supervisor **Mike Foort**) to distribute the many gifts of appreciation was the highlight of the evening. Gifts included a top of the line JVC VCR, a portrait from K & D Engineering, a plaque of appreciation from the College, a framed copy of the personalized ballad sung last night in his honour and the establishment of the Care and Share Endowment Fund in his name. George was joined in this celebration by his wife Christine and his good friends Jack and Anya Liem and their daughters.



George was honoured by speeches from **John Vandenakker**, **Lawrence Fast**, **Hans Rerup** and **Bill Hill**. **Sheila Grant** from the VCC Educational Foundation explained the nature of the foundation and the amazing amount of \$16,000.00 that had been collected



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for the George Clark Care & Share Endowment Fund. The following is a portion of the speech delivered by Dr. Fast in George's honour:

"George started at the City Centre Campus (then Vancouver Vocational Institute) as the building services manager fifteen years ago and has shepherded the building and its occupants through two major renovations.

But his legacy has more to do with what he has done for the people in the building than the building itself even though he is known as "don't-up-a-nail-in-that-wall" George. He has built and maintained a reputation for the best kept campus of the three.

One colleague has suggested that if there isn't a "Human Being of The World Award" they should make one up for George Clark for all the marvellous thing he does for people both during and after work. The "Care & Share" project, Christmas Carolling, Red Cross Blood Banks, The Poppy Drive, to name just a few. Name any community project and George has been there to help, usually in very quiet and unseen ways.

A military historian who can tell you exactly how many men were in the Newfie Regiment in WWI and a mean fudge maker, the winner of several prizes at the PNE a few years ago, George is a modern Renaissance man. The College and the Lower Mainland loses a valuable asset while Nelson, BC had better look out!"

George Clark, City Centre's Heart

Each morning, long before students gather their books and instructors go over their schedule for the day, **George Clark** makes the rounds at City Centre. He inspects the halls and classrooms, the nooks and crannies that he knows so well. He ensures the correct doors are locked or unlocked, the power is on, that everything is in working order and ready for another day. It's how Clark, and City Centre, begins the day. It's something he's done nearly every day for the last 15 years.

This fall, Clark will make one last round of things at City Centre, then turn over the mass of magical keys that only he seems to know the secrets to. After 15 years, he is retiring from his position as the campus' Building Services Manager. However, his presence on campus will be felt long after he leaves.

For many campus employees, Clark is City Centre. His hard work, caring and pride has permeated the building. While his job technically involves keeping the college clean, running and organized, what he does is even farther ranging. For years he has involved himself in nearly every aspect of City Centre. He's put his time, sweat and heart into the place. In the process, he has become a cornerstone of City Centre.

Ask Clark, and he'll understate his role. Ask long-

time co-workers from all area of the campus, and you get a truer picture.

"He is one of the finest people I've had the pleasure to work with, one of the truly good people that have made this campus what it is," says Technical Division Chair **Jerome Schatten**.

"As far as I'm concerned," says Admissions Department Head **Wynn Keenan**, "he's held this building together for the past 15 years. I've never, ever had George refuse to do anything I've asked him, regardless of how trivial or important it was."

"Personally, I don't know how anybody's going to find their way around this building without George," laughs Secretary **Ann Dahl**. "He's got a marvellous sense of humour. He's going to be a hard act to follow."

"Comes early and goes home late," says **Charles Ching** of Receiving. "He's always friendly, and good to everybody."

For Laundry Keeper **Dobril Jadranin** - "Everyone calls me Debbie" - the thought of losing her boss of 15 years is very sad. "I think he's the best man we could have had," she says, her voice betraying her emotions.

"I really can't explain. As a boss, I will never have

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anyone as good as him. He was always behind me 100 per cent. . . I just don't have the words."

Clark has held but three jobs in his life. Born in St. George, New Brunswick, he was one of eight children. He joined the army at an early age, becoming an officer and serving for 18 years, including peacekeeping work for the United Nations and service in the Korean war. After leaving the army, Clark went to work for Sun Life in Montreal, where he also completed university studies.

In 1977, Clark and his wife Christine left Montreal for the warmer climes of Vancouver. It didn't take long for him to sign on with VCC, and he remembers his first day at City Centre like it was yesterday.

"I was interviewed on a Wednesday morning," he says, "and I'd just gotten home and they called me and said 'Can you come to work tomorrow morning?'. I thought 'A mid-week start? There's something strange going on'.

"In any case, I showed up on Thursday morning and reported to **Hans Rerup**. I said 'What can I do?' He said 'Not much. Here's the keys to the place. I'm on my way to Europe'.

Upon further investigation, Clark found that he and former **Dean of Instruction Jack Sullivan** were about the only two left on campus.

"I introduced myself to Jack," says Clark, "and he said 'Oh, we've been waiting for you. We need the library moved on Monday morning'." It was a quick introduction.

"And we haven't stopped building since that time," he laughs.

"He just came in and took over, basically developed the job," says Rerup, the college's Director of Planning and on the committee that first hired Clark. Rerup says Clark's value was particularly in evidence during the major reconstruction work done in 1982-83 and in 1989-90. "He has been instrumental and extremely valuable," offers Rerup, "and he's probably worked far beyond what he should. He just doesn't complain."

Through the years, Clark has learned to deal with a usual level of mayhem, as well as the occasional fire, flood or other emergency. Be it big or small, people have come to regard George as invaluable in getting things done.

"People run to him - 'George, I need this. George, I

need that', " says Counselling's **Mary Wilson**, "and he comes through." He's solved many a crisis, handle more than his share of problems . . . and garbage.

"I'll always remember the time during one of the renovations that contractors dropped a 2"x4" down the garbage shoot, and it crossed. By the time it came to my attention, there was about three tons of garbage backed up.

"I had to crawl up the garbage chute myself and attach a rope to the 2"x4". Myself and another fellow were in the hopper. A piece of plywood was protecting us from the garbage, so I said to him '*Hang on to the plywood, whatever you do. You can't get hurt, but I'm the one in the danger spot. When I says go, I'll pull the rope and we'll both bail out*'.

"I said '*Go*' and I looked for him. He was gone, WITH the plywood, and I got hit with three tons of garbage." Fortunately a good shower was all that Clark needed to rid the effects.

Bill Hill, the college's Director of Buildings and Grounds, remembers the incident, and says "in a sense it encapsulates his willingness to go the extra mile, dirty or not, and get dumped on, too." For Hill, Clark has been "a very good right arm for me at City Centre." He adds: "I couldn't wish for a better guy to work with. He's honest. He has integrity. Not to discredit others, but he's worth at least two people, and that may be selling him short. He has contributed greatly to the quality of life at City Centre. I could go on and on."

Angelo Iapallucci has worked with Clark for 15 years, the last three as his assistant. When he describes Clark as "a hard-working guy", he does so in the highest respect. "It's not only his actions, but the way he looks at life. He's a role model. He doesn't do things just because its his job, but because they have to be done.

He continues: "We never had a Christmas tree here. It was George who started that. And '*Care and Share*'. Last year was the first time we actually had staff, administrators, faculty and students get together for half a day. That was George.

Iapallucci is actually a bit leery of the first few days after Clark leaves. "You've seen his office. He has papers everywhere, but he knows where everything is. He knows all the information. When he retires, there will be a lot of people not knowing where to go."

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"Integral," is how Linda Martin, Division Chair for Health Sciences describes Clark. "George is one that everyone looks to - administration, faculty, staff. He knows the people out there."

Clark's impact carries over to students and community. He's often found carrying out a public relations role, mingling with the familiar faces at City Centre and making people feel at home. This past month he was rewarded for his long-time support for the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics held on campus. And, every year underprivileged students who are also parents receive funding that enables their families to enjoy a happier Christmas. The project is called "*Care and Share*", and Clark established it and has built it up through his own efforts and finances.

"That will be one of the many special memories for me," says Clark. "It's been very, very satisfying to me to get notes of thanks from the little kids that participated in that. I have kept a number of those cards as mementos."

Often what impresses people most about George is what otherwise might go unnoticed. "It's the little things," says Wilson. "When you walk in the building, everyone who's come in here says 'Isn't it nice'. It's the light and the cleanliness and the order. We talk about first impressions - this guy has done more to help those first impressions."

"He is probably the greatest asset City Centre has in terms of impact on people," says Rerup.

15 years is a long time, and Clark has seen City Centre through some difficult times. "I like the atmosphere here. I'm sort of on my own. No one's ever been bossy to me. Genuinely, the people that I work with . . . it was very much like a family group when I first came. Deep down, I think that adhesiveness is still there."

"Most people here are people who don't mind helping others"

Clark and his wife are preparing to move to their retirement home in Nelson, B.C.. He says he'll keep busy with his oil paintings and working on the house, if not the yard. "Christine is the gardener," he explains. "We compliment each other. We're both pretty good cooks, too." There is also a possibility that the two will serve a mission for their church.

As close as Clark can calculate, his last day will be

around September 19, 1991. There is a common feeling of mixed emotions from his co-workers as the day nears. "It's sad that he's going," says Schatten. "Good for him, bad for us."

Integral. Invaluable. Honest. Admirable. These are the words his colleagues commonly use to describe Clark. And the words come easily. Listening to his co-workers - his friends - you soon realize that it's not so much the building that Clark has touched, but the people.

"He is just the most wonderful, kind, caring man," says Keenan.

Says Martin: "He's great. People depend on him. I'm going to miss him. He's entitled to his retirement, but this place will definitely miss him."

"He has probably the biggest heart of any person I know," says Rerup.

Iapallucci sums it up well when he says "I think he's very much appreciated now, but I think he'll be even more appreciated when he's gone."

While campus employees are happy that Clark can now pursue his retirement dreams, already the thought of City Centre without him is hard to imagine. He's left his mark. He's part of City Centre. And always will be.
David Wiebe

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Age & Treachery Will Overcome Youth & Skill Happy Birthday!



Joanne Granger	Admissions	Sept. 14
Ngee-Moi Voon	Word Pro.	Sept. 23
Justina Wong	Drafting	Sept. 24
Katherine Campbell	Den. Asst	Sept. 26
Kelly Hougham	City Centre	Sept. 27

Small Business Coordinator Runs for Office

Joy Davies, Coordinator of the Small Business Development Centre at City Centre campus was successful in

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her nomination bid to represent the Social Credit party in the Vancouver-Burrard constituency. Her opponent in the yet-to-be called provincial election will be Emery Barnes, NDP. Joy intends to continue in her position of Coordinator.

New Principal for Malaspina College

Education doesn't just occur at one time in people's lives, according to the new principal of Malaspina College's Powell River campus, Stephanie Forsyth. She is her own best example of that philosophy. Our congratulations to Stephanie on her recent appointment. She is replacing principal Bob Butkus while he takes a year's leave. Stephanie was the Dean of Instruction for the Tourism and Hospitality Centre here at City Centre until last March when she left to return to school.



Stephanie Forsyth

"I very much believe in people returning to education, whether formally or informally," says Forsyth, who is completing her master's of education degree from the University of British Columbia.

"I really see education as a continuous process we engage in all our lives and that doesn't mean we necessarily return to a formal education setting where we sit in front of teachers or instructors, but that there be a myriad of educational opportunities in a variety of shapes and forms that we continually have access to and interaction with."

Forsyth says she believes a community college, especially in smaller centres, has a responsibility to support the needs and development goals of the community. VCC's loss is Malaspina's gain. *Good Luck, Steph!*

Onward and Upward Appointments a City Centre

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of Angelo Iapalucci to Building Services Manager, City Centre Campus. He will be replacing George Clark,

who will be retiring as of September 20, 1991. Angelo's responsibilities in this area will commence immediately. Please join me in congratulating Angelo on his new appointment. Here's hoping that Angelo's operation to enlarge his feet goes well as George's shoes are pretty big!

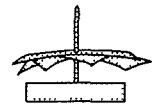
David Kolot

New Faces in CE

Continuing Education is pleased to announce the appointment of two new part-time program coordinators at City Centre. Gareth Williams, a familiar face in the Electronics Department, is taking on the additional responsibility of coordinating the CE electronics courses. Linda Devine has been hired to coordinate the Gemology program offered by CE for the past 3 years. Linda was a student in the program from 1987-1989 and is excited to be back at the campus in her new role.

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Canada Savings Bonds



Application forms for the purchase of the Canada Savings bonds for the 1991-1992 year are now available from Corinna Luk (2nd floor Administration). The final date that the payroll department will accept the application forms is **October 25, 1991**. There will be no exception to this date.

We're Dancing As Fast As We Can! Registration at CC

Well, I think we have survived another major start-up. By all accounts it seems to be a very successful one in that all seats in all programs are full, except for two programs. One is short by one seat, and the other by four.

All staff in Student Services (Admissions, Counselling, Financial Aid, Student Records) have been busy (and still are), due to the increased enrolment.

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Also this year we are running a large number of evening part-time courses. Although this has created additional demand for their services, all staff have risen to the challenge and this year's September enrolment has progressed smoothly.

A big "thank-you" to all Student Services staff for a job well done.

Sam Di Giando

Has the Cafeteria Got a Deal For YOU!

Coffee service previously in the cafeteria consisted of two sizes only with no saving per ounce with the purchase of the larger size (6oz @ 45c = 7.5c/oz and 10 oz @ 75c = 7.5c/oz). The new selection of sizes offers an additional size and a saving per ounce as you purchase a larger size. (8 oz @ 65c = 8.1c/oz, 12oz @ 80c = 6.6c/oz and 16 oz @ 95c = 5.9c/oz). Although there is an 8% increase in the price per ounce on the small size there are savings of 19% and 28% respectively (or 12% and 21% compared to the old price) as you purchase the larger sizes. These savings are significant!

The B.Y.O.C. option (including coffee purchased in any of the many different size's of china cups supplied by the food services department) is a 12 ounce maximum portion and costs 5c per ounce. Previously this option had not been clearly quantified or qualified.

Furthermore, the range of coffee blends will be enhanced with the range of Gourmet Coffees for the more discerning coffee drinker! This range of premium blends (Mocha Java, Irish Mist, and Fresh Ground Decaffeinated) will be available in 8, 12, and 16 ounce sizes at 75c, 90c, and \$1.05 respectively.

With this new strategy we intend offering quantifiable, consistent, profitable and valuable coffee service for the college, meeting the needs of more of our every valuable patrons!

John Gillespie

Director of Food Services

Culinary Arts Hosts Connoisseurs

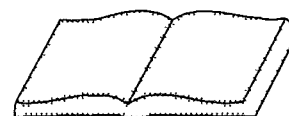
The Culinary Arts Department will be taking on an exciting challenge September 19th. They will be hosts to the British Columbia chapter of the *Confrerie de la Chaine des Rotisseurs*. The Chaine is an international association of connoisseurs of fine food and wines. Mr. Falter's faculty and students will be gearing up to meet the challenge of such discerning palates.

Retail Meat Student Take s Double Prize

Retail Meat student, Shawna Finkert, is \$450.00 richer this week having just beaten her VCC classmates in a close contest to win both the Pork and Lamb cutting competition. Held several times a year, this is a dual competition that challenges students' skills in everything from presentation to accuracy of cut. Comprised of two three-hour competitions sponsored by two separate professional associations, the Pork Cutting competition is sponsored and judged by the B.C. Pork Board and has a \$250.00 prize as well as a trophy. The Lamb Cutting competition is sponsored by the Columbia Meats of Washington State and carries a \$200.00 prize.

Library

LIBRARY NEWS



The Library is pleased to welcome our new department head, **Phyllis Butler**. Phyllis comes to us from KEC after many years of experience there. You can reach her at loc. 298, or you can come down and meet her in person.

A warm welcome to old and new instructors! If you are a new instructor, please bring your contract to the Library so we know who you are and we can issue you a library card.

If you wish to know which periodicals we get on a particular subject, we can provide you with a list and put your name on our routing list.

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Vancouver Community College Press Annual Report For 1990-199

A Summary

Shortly after the Press began full-time operations in January 1990, an operational marketing plan for the Press was drawn up. This plan included eight objectives. In general, it was an extremely active year. A measure of progress, often significant, was achieved on all fronts identified in the plan.

During the year, general awareness of the Press increased, general office systems were put in place, project evaluation criteria were established. Several new publications were successfully published; including the *Foodsafe Handbook*, *Community Colleges in Canada*, and *A Casebook of Ideologies*. A major revision and reprint of the *Professional Bakers' Manuals* was completed, and the Press successfully produced the first *British Columbia Transfer Guide* on a contract basis for the B.C. Council on Admissions and Transfer. The VCC Press Advisory Committee was reconstituted and met three times.

From January 1990 through March 31, 1991, more than 22,000 books bearing the VCC Press imprint were sold. Financially, the Press generated revenues of \$73,000 during fiscal year '90-91, but nevertheless incurred a deficit. Projections for 1991-92 indicate a very small deficit, pointing to a better-than-break-even year in '92-93.

Thanks very much!

To the many volunteers from Langara, King Edward and City Centre, who so unselfishly gave of their time to help make the 1991 World Cup Triathlon race in Vancouver on July 27/1991 such a huge success, I offer my sincere thanks.

Malcolm Cant

Psst, Can we hit you up one more time, please?

Vancouver will be the Canadian host for the 1991 World Cup Duathlon (run, bike, run) on 15 September, 1991, at Sunset Beach, Vancouver (near the Aquatic Beach). For this World Cup Series event, the V.R.S. will need as many capable volunteers as is possible. Volunteers will be asked to attend a Volunteer's Meeting a few days prior to the race date, as well as the race which will go despite inclement weather. If you can help, could you please phone V.R.S. at 731-7738 and leave your name and number. You will receive a great souvenir shirt and get to see the world's top duathletes in action!

Malcolm Cant

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The VCC Alumni Association has available free a few copies of the 1991 edition of *The Green Pages*. *The Green Pages* has information and discount coupons on environmentally friendly transportation and auto products, videos, health food and supplements, waste management, adult and baby care products, educational family outings, restaurants, books, organic gardening, and more.

****Expiry date on coupons is December 31, 1991.**

To obtain a free copy, please call the VCC Alumni Association office at 875-1131, Local 353 --- we'll have it ASAP through inter office mail!

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