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THE NEWS & VIEWS LETTER ABOUT PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS AT VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

V.C.C. Hosts Special Dinner for Retiring Personnel

V.C.C. recently hosted a special dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to honor 12 retiring personnel for their years of dedicated service to the college. Council Chairman J.M. Kennedy presided over the dinner which hosted the college principal, members of the College Council, campus principals and senior administration from Regional Office, who, along with the guests of honor, enjoyed a sumptuous meal of onion soup, Roast Prime Ribs of Beef Au Jus, followed by Cherries Jubilee Flambee.

The Vancouver Vocational Institute will be losing five good

people. Retiring are: Mr. J.L. Condry, Coordinator II of Barbering after 18 years; Ms. Ruth Nichols/Abramson, department head of Beauty Culture, after 28 years; Mr. J. Pearson, Coordinator II Shoe Repair, after 29 years; Miss C.G. Thomas, department head of Practical Nursing, after 19 years, and Mr. A. Trafford, Business Education instructor, after 13 years.

Langara Campus has four retiring members: Ina MacKay, bookstore manager, after nine years; Mr. E.W. Palfrey, mathematics instructor, after 20 years; Mr. A.C. Young, assistant chairman for the History Department, after 30 years, and Mr. M. Rosewicz, clerical staff, after two years.

Two people will be leaving King Edward Campus — Principal Louis Monasch, after 30 years and Mrs. Betsy McDonald, Coordinator of Employment Orientation for Women, after eight years.

going to do some work to his summer house on Vancouver Island, as well as a little fishing, and in the fall, would like to do some travelling. "Hawaii would be nice," he said. Mr. Pearson says he hasn't given retiring much thought and will probably do some fishing and golfing and a lot of sleeping.

Miss Thomas is very interested in politics and hopes to do some volunteer work in that field, as well as tending her garden, while Regional's Phil Smith is going to play it by ear, but said he is looking forward to doing some lapidary work.

Langara's Bill Palfrey has acreage in Langley and his plans for the future include developing and running the farm and just enjoying life. He would also like to get involved in the sale of real estate. Charles Young, on the other hand, hasn't made any definite plans, except to get caught up with things around the house he has got behind on. He says he's not



Enjoying themselves at the reception are personnel assistant Vi Bienert with retirees Mr. E.W. Palfrey and Mr. J.L. Condry and Mrs. Condry.

Who said that?

It is the general policy of this newsletter to feature the people who make this college an interesting place to work and learn. However, the people who actually produce the paper do so in a haze of anonymity. We do not use bylines to identify the author of articles or credits in the case of pictures or graphics. As a result many are unaware of who wrote pieces or whom to contact to suggest items for future issues.

This issue, partly for your benefit and partly for our own, we are making an exception to tell you about Kathy Allers.

Kathy is Publications Assistant for the College and she is located in the Information Services department at the Regional Offices. This is the third issue of Intercom in which she has done all the writing (with the exception of this column) chased after stories at the various centres and generally overseen the production of the paper.

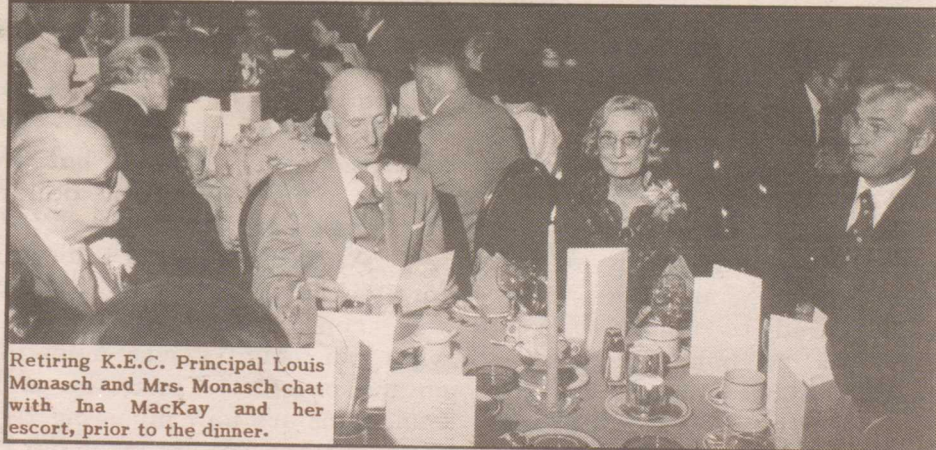
She brings to the job five years experience with the Columbian and stints with various weeklies. Because of her presence and her background we are able to expand Intercom and begin to provide the kind of coverage we think College people deserve.

The reason we are keen to have you know her is our need to be tipped off in advance of events which might be of interest to Intercom readers. Sometimes advising us after the fact will do but picture possibilities are lost that way.

We will take just about anything (with the possible exception of perfect crib hands, visiting aunts and the blooming of the first pussywillows).

So if you know of something happening in the College or if you hear of something special in the life of a College person who may be too modest to call, phone Kathy at 688-1111.

Heck, even if you don't give her a call and tell her you want to chat about formula racing cars. C.A.



Retiring K.E.C. Principal Louis Monasch and Mrs. Monasch chat with Ina MacKay and her escort, prior to the dinner.

Regional Office has one retirement — Buildings and Grounds clerk Phil Smith, after 27 years with the college.

Some people have already been making retirement plans, for instance: Mr. Condry is

ready for the shelf yet and may even look around for another job.

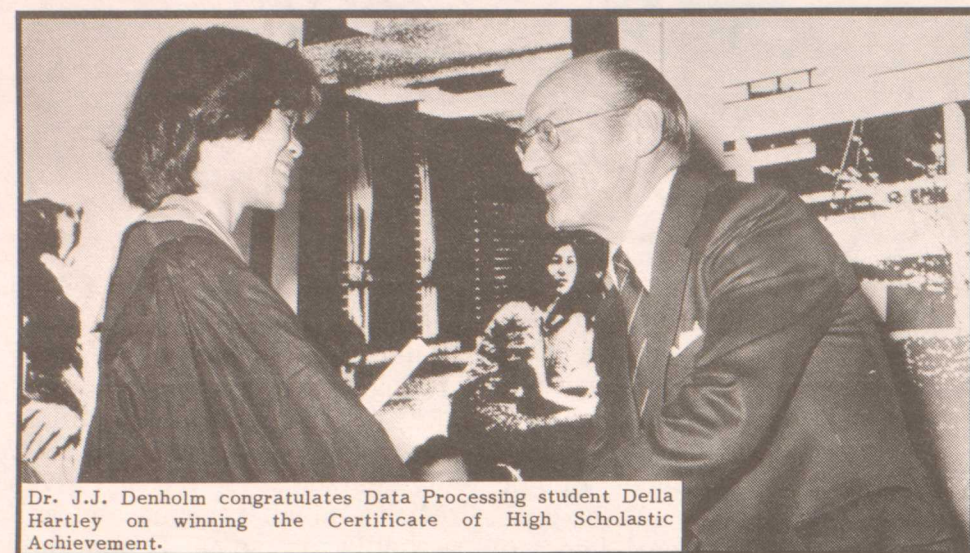
To all retirees — Good Luck and whatever your future plans are, enjoy them to the fullest. You've earned it.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Smith and Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearson sit down to dinner with Dr. and Mrs. J.J. Denholm





M.L.A. Stephen Rogers presents the Governor General's Award to student Diane Olsen, along with a bottle of champagne.



Dr. J.J. Denholm congratulates Data Processing student Della Hartley on winning the Certificate of High Scholastic Achievement.

Canadian Manufacturers Association Representatives Visit V.V.I.

"Wage and price controls are not the proper medicine to control inflation," said Canadian Manufacturers Association President B.J. Bilodeau, during an address to more than 60 students and instructors at the V.V.I.

Bilodeau, who is also chairman and chief executive officer of Honeywell limited in Scarborough, Ontario, said that in his estimation controls should not be used because they create a distortion and says once they are removed the Canadian economy is going to suffer quite a bump. Roy Phillips, executive director of the association from Toronto, Ontario, agreed with Bilodeau, but added, the association has supported the government in its controls and will continue to do so.

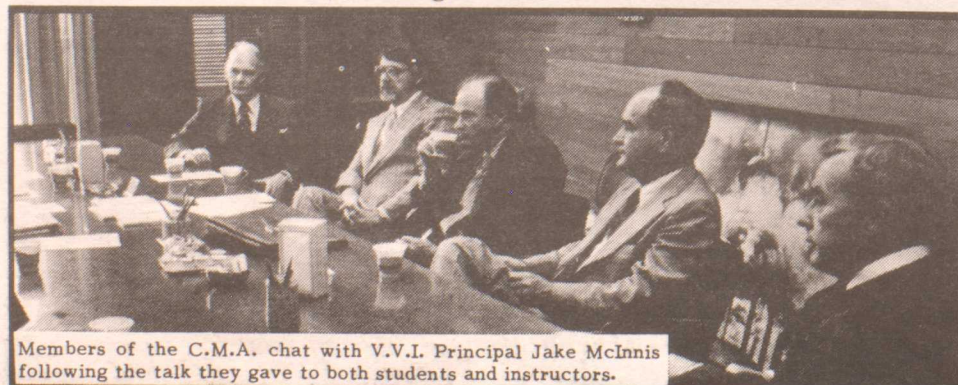
Phillips and Bilodeau were part of a delegation of five association members who volunteered to come to V.V.I. and talk to both students and faculty about current business issues affecting the Canadian public and economy. Other delegation members were John Rose, chairman of the B.C. division of the C.M.A. and president of Kirkland & Rose Limited in Vancouver; Guy S. Roberts, second vice-chairman of CMA's B.C. division and general manager of Later Chemicals Limited in Richmond, and James A. Rankin, manager

of C.M.A.'s B.C. division.

Speaking first, Bilodeau's main thrust was directed at the lack of Canadian-owned companies in Canada and the fact that 65% of all manufacturing companies in our country are foreign owned, with 75% belonging to the United States. He said the Canadian public should be concerned about the 65% figure and added, Canada is going to have to learn how to compete on world markets, before it can be successful. "By competing, you also learn how to survive," he said.

Bilodeau explained to the interested crowd that 20 billion dollars worth of fully manufactured goods are imported into Canada, but we export only 10 billion dollars worth of goods.

At one time, said Bilodeau, foreign investment in Canada was considerably higher than what our country was investing on the outside. Today, he said, Canadians are now investing five to six million dollars more out of the country than what is being invested in Canada. The reason for this, he explained, is because the investors see better opportunities out of the country. "The cost of labour in Canada has outstripped the product produced and has created an unfavorable business climate," he said.



Members of the C.M.A. chat with V.V.I. Principal Jake McInnis following the talk they gave to both students and instructors.

M.L.A. Stephen Rogers Attends Langara's 11th Annual Graduation

M.L.A. for Vancouver South Stephen Rogers presented the Governor General's Award to Langara student Diane Olsen during the 11th annual graduation ceremony of Langara Campus, held May 26th in the school gym.

The award is given each year to a student in a diploma program who has achieved the highest scholastic standing during his or her course of studies. Diane, a straight A student, completed the very demanding 20 month Court Reporter Program in 16 months. This is quite a feat when you consider that a minimum of eight hours of study and practise every day is required to succeed in this program. From the very beginning of the program, Diane knew what she wanted and pursued it with determination and enthusiasm. Diane graduated from Nanaimo District Secondary School in 1972 and attended Malaspina College from 1972 to 1974, where she received a commerce diploma in secretarial administration. She is now employed in an excellent position as a court reporter with the Attorney General's Department.

On presenting the medal to Diane, Rogers first talked about the importance of the course and the hard work involved in completing the program in the time she did and said he would like to give her something from himself to commemorate the occasion. He said, on telling his staff what he had in mind, they intune told him what they thought would be appropriate. Not being able to make up his mind, he decided to bring both. His staff's idea was a single perfect red rose, which Rogers said was very nice, but because he knew Diane had some special guests staying with her, he thought a bottle of champagne would go down rather nicely. By the look on Diane's face, she must have agreed with him.



Award winner Diane Olsen attained a straight A average in the Court Reporter Program.

Following the presentation Dr. Denholm said that picking the medal winner this year was really tough because of so many excellent students and said for the first time the college will present a Certificate of High Scholastic Achievement. He then presented the certificate to Data Processing student Della M. Hartley.

Over 800 guests turned up to see the 376 students receive their diplomas. Students were made up of Langara graduates and students from K.E.C.'s Music Program. Principal of St. Marks College at U.B.C., Father Paul Burns, gave the invocation and greetings from a friend of the college. Greetings from the college council were by council chairman James M. Kennedy, while Dr. A.L. Dartnell gave greetings from Langara. Diplomas were presented by Assistant Dean R.F. Kerr, Dean G.A. Sylvester and Dean J.D. Brown.

In closing the ceremony, Dr. Denholm wished the graduates good luck and then asked Sarge (Sergeant Ed Newman) to lead the crowd in three cheers for the graduates.

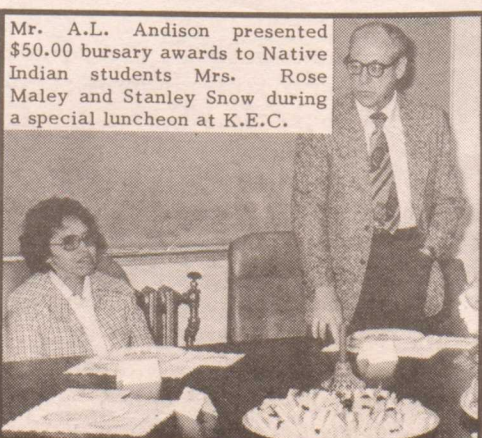
Two Native Indian Students Receive \$50. Bursaries

Two native Indian students attending King Edward Campus were honored recently during a special luncheon when they were presented with a \$50 bursary each from the Bruce Anderson Memorial Fund.

The fund was established in honor of Bruce Anderson, a student who lost his life in a plane crash up North. He had expressed concern for the conditions of young native people and the fund is dedicated to providing encouragement for native students wishing to further their education. Bruce's parents Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Anderson of West Vancouver have a continuing interest in the fund.

Nominated for the awards were Mrs. Rose Maley and Stanley Snow.

Mrs. Maley has six children, ages six to sixteen, and is a diligent worker in the Basic Education program. Mr. Snow is 20 years old and is a member of the Salish Tribe from Bella Coola. His only source of income is his paper route, which he does on foot, mornings 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.



Mr. A.L. Anderson presented \$50.00 bursary awards to Native Indian students Mrs. Rose Maley and Stanley Snow during a special luncheon at K.E.C.

V.V.I. OPEN HOUSE '77 DRAWS CROWDS & PRAISE



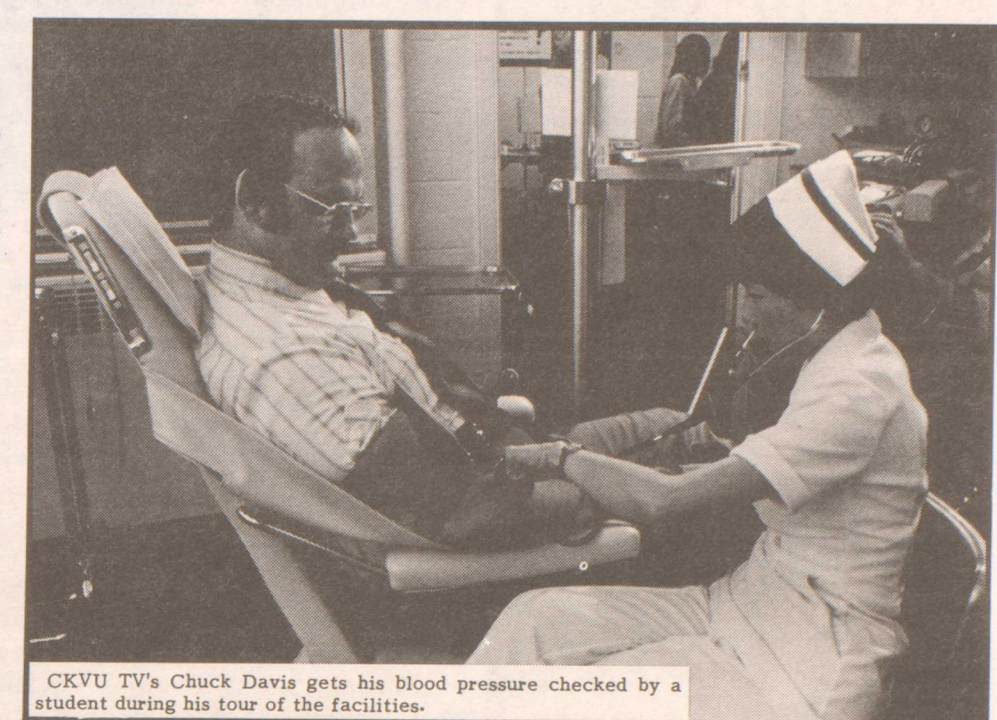
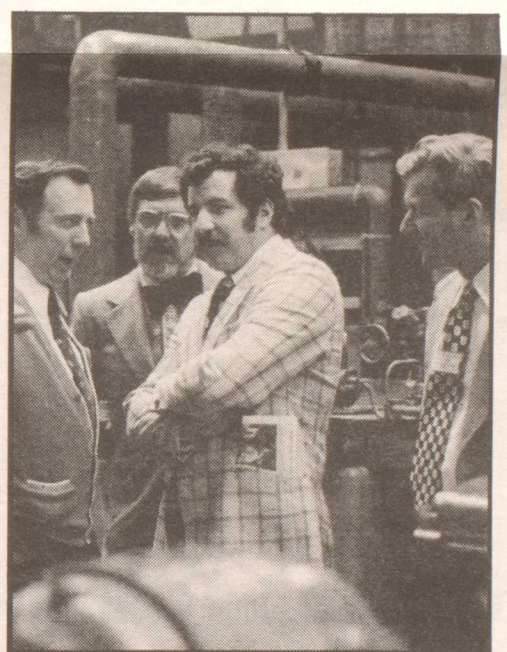
Above, the hairdressing competition attracted large crowds. Bottom left: Looking over copies of the Pender Post are invited guests and V.V.I. officials attending the special open house luncheon. Bottom right, M.L.A. Stephen Rogers enjoys a tour by his hosts, following the luncheon.



"A tremendous success"
"One of the best yet"
"Couldn't have been better"
The compliments could go on and on, but there wouldn't be any room left to fill you in on many of the people and departments which made this year's open house at V.V.I. so successful.

Attracting well over 6,000 visitors, the V.V.I. put on a well-organized and informative show, which was fully supported by every member of the institute.

Festivities got underway at noon with a special luncheon for invited guests, catered by the Food Services Division. By all accounts the meal was fantastic. Goodies included Dungeness Crab Supreme, Roast Rib Eye Au Jus and Cheese Cake Chantilly. Seen enjoying themselves at the luncheon were M.L.A.'s Steven Rogers and Alex Macdonald, as well as invited guests from the business community including: S.G. Phipps, Sandwell and Company; R. Kinnard, Electrical Contractors Association; E.H. McCaffery, Mechanical Contractors Association; F. Reder, B.C. Construction Association, and W.J. Froese, College of Dental Surgeons. The Ministry of Education also sent along two



CKVU TV's Chuck Davis gets his blood pressure checked by a student during his tour of the facilities.

representatives -- J. Meredith, Director of Training and B. Griffiths, Tourist Service Division. College Council members, plus college officials also attended the luncheon, which was followed by a tour of the facilities.

Subsequent to the luncheon, the Food Service students and instructors quickly began to prepare for the feature dinner menu, which they called "Meat Lovers Delight". According to Department Head Jim Nowacki, the dining room was jammed and two sittings had to be held to accommodate all the people.

To get an idea of just how many actually sat down to dinner -- the department went through 17 prime ribs of beef (each weighing 18 lbs.) 250 chicken breasts and 300 salmon steaks. Mr. Nowacki estimates that close to 1,000 meals were prepared during the open house. Mr. Nowacki was very pleased and impressed with the way his students handled the situation and following the open house, he treated his students to a bottle of wine, thanking them for the good job they did.

A different sort of thanks should also go to V.V.I.'s Graphic Arts Department and Audio Visual Services for the fantastic job they did in getting out the official newspaper souvenir "The Pender Post", produced by members of Langara's Journalism class. From taking the pictures of luncheon guests to printing the four page newspaper, it took approximately 75 minutes for guests to receive their copies.

The Graphic Arts Department were kept hopping throughout the day and had a steady stream of visitors touring through.

This is not to say other departments weren't equally as busy -- they were. For instance, the Shoe Repair Division not only had to cope with interested visitors, but also long line-ups of people wanting their shoes repaired. The Hairdressing department also hosted a large contingent of guests, especially

during the evening when the place was jammed with people watching a competition between 28 senior hairdressing students. Following the contest, plaques were awarded to the top three finalists, who were: Janet Lane, first; Ellen Gilles, second, and Gay Marishita, who picked up third place.

It would be impossible to mention every person and department who made the open house a success, as they all had excellent displays. For example, in Electronics, visitors were fascinated with some of the projects students were working on, like a missile system simulator, an electronic speedometer with automatic overspeed warning indicator and even a pong game. In the Barbering department students demonstrated facials, blowdrying and styling cuts, while in the Welding Division, guests were invited to see what the "ARC" looks like in "ARC" Welding with the aid of hand held eye shields.

"The open house was really fantastic," said V.V.I. office manager Tom McComb. "People threw their heart and soul into the event, making it one of the best I've seen," he said.

Open house committee chairman Art Griffiths said the reason behind the event was to give the community a chance to see the service the institute provides for the community and the success's of the students. It was also to increase public awareness and to inform public officials and industry leaders of just what goes on at the V.V.I.

"In those terms, we did just that," said Mr. Griffiths, "and it was a success." "The luncheon was very well received, as was every part of the open house," said Art, who added, a large contingent of both students and instructors came down from King Edward Campus to take in the open house, and were very pleased with what they saw.

In closing, Mr. Griffiths said he wanted to extend his sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the open house and made it such a tremendous success.

K.E.C. Music Projects

Six music students from King Edward Campus have been hired by the Ministry of Labour, as part of its Summer Student Employment Program, to present two unique music projects to the people of the Greater Vancouver area.

Four of the students will be performing recitals for any interested organization or club in day care centres, parks, etc., free of charge, during the summer months. The four will also be offering free music lessons to people who would not normally be in the position to receive private lessons.

Participating in the project, which began in early May, are: Selina Ryane, who has had 10 years classical piano training with experience in private instruction and piano teaching methods, as

well as additional education in conducting; Michael St. Germain, classical and popular guitar education; Bonnie Anne Ferguson, who has had education in classical and popular voice and experience with choral instruction for children, and Don Laird, who specializes in classical flute and recorder, as well as popular guitar.

The second project is by two students - flutist Ross Curran and classical guitarist Rick Stafford, who will provide free concerts to people unable to get out to live concerts. Schools, homes for the aged, libraries, community centres, homes for the handicapped, hospitals and various other institutions will benefit from the project. The students plan to present flute and guitar duets from classical repertoire with brief discussions of the pieces.

Kite Flying is Fun says Rosemary



No one is quite certain where the statement "Go Fly A Kite" originated from, but what is a fact is literally hundreds of people today are taking the phrase to heart and are taking to the air with their kites.

One such person is King Edward Campus's Communication Arts Division Chairman Rosemary Meyer, a confirmed kite flying enthusiast, who, along with well-known kite maker Jack Ramsey, is teaching a C.E.S. course in kite flying and building, at Langara Campus. Anyone can learn to fly a kite, says Rosemary, it's just a matter of getting everything right.

According to Mrs. Meyer, kite flying probably originated 2,500 years ago in the Orient. It emerged during the Middle Ages in Europe, but no one is quite certain when it appeared in North America. Today in some parts of the United States and Canada, it is illegal to fly a kite. Apparently, the law dates back to the early 1900's when the populace was crazed with flying kites, partially due to the fact they were trying to invent the airplane, said Rosemary.

In the Orient, kite flying is seen as a past-time or sport and at a recent festival for kites, over two million people showed up. "Kites are serious business in the Orient," said Rosemary, "but in Canada most people tend to think of them as toys for children or tool's scientists use. Any adult standing out on the beach tugging at a kite string is abit suspect," she said.

A favorite with the Orientals is kite fighting, said Rosemary. They have teams from neighborhoods against each other and use huge kites for the fighting.

According to Rosemary, the object of the game is to wrap the string of your kite around your opponents string and tug until it breaks. To facilitate



this, the string is made from glass wrapped with wax.

The fighter kites are a great favorite of Rosemarys, because of their maneuverability. "I'm too tranquil a person to want to fight with it," she explained, "but its fun to fly." Some people are able to maneuver these kites up to a few inches away from a target, but my limit is about a few feet," she said.

Rosemary describes kite flying today as a totally disorganized sport. Everybody does their own thing, she said, both in construction and flying of the kites. Rosemary herself is not interested in making her own kites, explaining, "Does Yehudi Menuhin make his own violins?"

In the C.E.S. course, the kite building instruction will be left to Jack Ramsey, who has developed his own kite - The Ramsey Roller, which according to Rosemary, does incredible things in the air. Jack will be showing students how to construct this type of kite, as well as a few others. Both Jack and Rosemary will help see the students learn to fly the kites properly.

Rosemary explained that Jack has a 16 foot kite which has to be tied to a tree when it flies. It has a 600 lb test line and can only be flown on mild days. "A strong wind could pull out the tree its attached to," said Rosemary, "so he has to watch the wind carefully when he launches it." Jack has given workshops in kite flying at the planetarium and is extremely skilled in the sport. "We're lucky to have him" said Rosemary.

I asked her how she got interested in kite flying.

"I tried and tried to fly kites as a youngster but I couldn't get them off the ground. It was a totally frustrating experience. Then about two years ago, while in San Francisco, I met a man who ran a kite shop, who showed how easy it is to get one up, when you do it right. He sold me a fly-proof dragon kite and you might say, I haven't looked back since." Rosemary explained that the same man currently holds the world record for flying a kite indoors the longest. "He was able to keep a kite afloat in a hotel lobby for 46 minutes," she said.

"Kite flying is fun," said Rosemary in closing. "I really enjoy it because I can get out in the air and also you can meet some of the friendliest people. Fellow kite crazies," she laughed.

"Someone once called it a natural high, and that's just about what it is."

Retiring K.E.C. Principal Honored

Retiring King Edward Campus principal Louis Monasch has been awarded a life membership of the British Columbia Association of Continuing Education Administrators.

Mr. Monasch was presented with his life membership at the association's annual meeting and banquet held in Vernon. He is a founding member and the first secretary, and until last year, a member of the Executive of the association.

During the banquet Robert Cunningham described Mr. Monasch's extensive contributions to the education of adults extending over nearly 40 years. Mr. Monasch was given a standing ovation by the members and their guests as he was presented with the honor.

Langara Photography Students Participate in Print Exhibit

Work by students of Langara's Photography Technician Program was featured as part of the Professional Photographers Association of B.C.'s annual exhibition, which took place recently in Vancouver Centre Mall.

The photographs on display were made up of accepted prints from the P.P.A.B.C.'s convention held in April on Vancouver Island. Every year the association invites students from V.C.C. and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (N.A.I.T.) to attend and participate in the print salon, 25 were from Langara students, with two of our students winning the two available student trophies.

Rick Etkin, a first year student, won the award for the best student entry, which also happened to tie with the highest

scoring professional print in the salon. Ross Durant won the award for the highest aggregate score. This means that he entered four prints, had all four accepted (a score of 71 or over on all four) and had the highest score. Several students had two or more prints accepted.

There were many student entries from N.A.I.T. which made the competition very keen between the two group of students, as well as the professionals, said Photography Technician Program Coordinator Lyle Larrigan. In total, four Langara students received an award or merit certificate.

Instructor Alvin Schaffer was very enthusiastic over the good showing by the students and said that their work was on par with the professionals at the convention. You can't get much better praise than that.



Photography program coordinator Lyle Larrigan chats with interested people who came to view the professional Photographers Association of B.C.'s annual exhibition, which included many prints by Langara students.