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Ground Broken at VVI

About 70 people from the VCC community turned out Friday, June 19, for a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the start of an \$18 million expansion and renovation to VVI, that will see, among other changes, a nine storey tower on the site of the old business education building, a mall complex for services programs and updating of office and administrative space.

Wielding gold shovels in the midst of Dunsmuir St. rush hour traffic noise, seven representatives from the ministry, the board and the college, made a symbolic start on changes that will see construction crews at VVI until sometime in 1983. Ground-turners were Deputy Minister of Education Jim Carter; Bill Brown, chairman of the College Board; Peter Hebb, vice-chairman; board member Mel Scott; Alex Stusiak, president of the Vocational Instructors Association; VCC President Tony Manera; and VVI Principal Jake McInnis. Mayor Mike Harcourt was scheduled to take part, but last minute delays prevented him from attending.

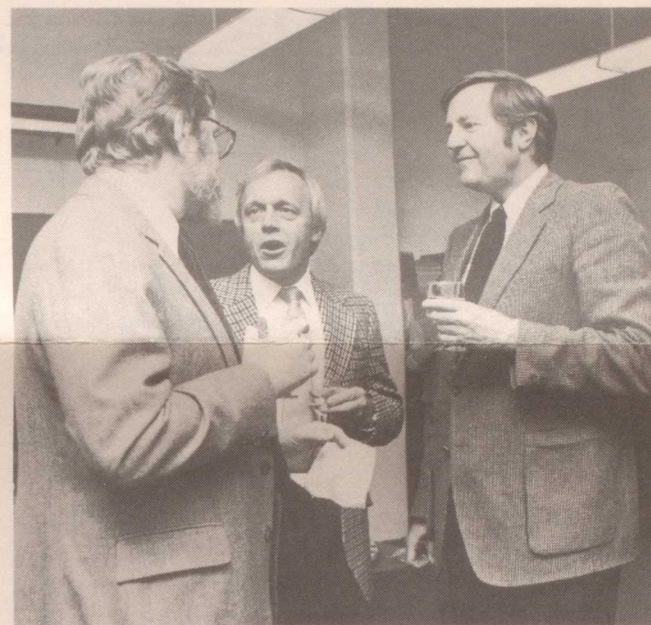
As master of ceremonies, Manera commended all who contributed their time and effort to the planning processes and he heralded the new opportunities expanded and

updated facilities at VVI will provide. Eying Deputy Minister Carter he smilingly said he trusted even in these times of restraint, funding bodies would provide the financial support to run new and expanded programs the additional facilities will house.

Deputy Minister Carter laughingly told the audience that it was his department's objective to get 'all the province's colleges down the VCC's formula of 29-20-12, whereby the college provides 29 percent of the system's instruction, with 20 percent of its funds and 12 percent of its space. He went on to congratulate the VCC for its efforts.

Chairman Bill Brown expressed pride on the part of the board that the college was moving ahead to better meet the educational needs of its community. And VVI Principal Jake McInnis, denying the tower excavation was for his swimming pool, thanked VVI staff in particular for their hard work on the project.

A wine and cheese reception, catered by services programs' students, followed the ceremony, giving people from the college, the board, advisory committees and the ministry the opportunity to meet and talk with one another.



VVI counselling department head Dalton Kremer (centre) with Ross Carter (left), director of College Resources and Deputy Minister of Education Jim Carter (right).

Beyond the Buildings

Gold shovels turned the sod. There is a gaping hole at Hamilton and Dunsmuir. Some \$18 million will be spent before construction crews depart VVI sometime in 1983. Dollars and time are not being spent just for more and better classroom space. Changes to old buildings and adding new are the foundation for a new approach to vocational education, one aimed at more effectively meeting the needs of business, industry and the workforce.

Society is more complex and fast-paced than ever before. There was time when people were hired and trained on-the-job. They might stay with a firm most of their working lives. Not so today. Now employers need and demand trained workers at all levels. And workers switch employers as opportunities open up. Their skills are tickets for advancement.

Yet in B.C. there are more jobs for skilled technicians and tradespeople than there are qualified people. Too many workers are caught in dead-end jobs that can't adequately support their families or themselves. The key, then, is to give them training. And this is what some of the changes at VVI are aimed at doing.

VVI is building part-time study programs for many of its vocational offerings. By structuring courses on evenings and weekends, the college is opening up opportunities to people who can't put aside their financial or family commitments to go to school fulltime. And a new pool of skilled labor is opened to business and industry.



The sod is officially turned to mark the start of construction on VVI's new nine storey tower. Sod turners are: (left to right) board member Peter Hebb; Chairman Bill Brown; Deputy Minister of Education Jim Carter; VVI Principal Jake McInnis; VCC President Tony Manera; Alex Stusiak, president of the VIA; and board member Mel Scott.



VVI Principal Jake McInnis (centre) chats with former VCC Principal Dr. Bert Wales (left) and former VVI Principal Dean Goard (right).

Not all the new facilities at VVI will be geared to training the unskilled. Another equally important role VVI is taking on is keeping technicians and tradespeople up-to-date on new systems and equipment. Upgrading courses and workshops will help people keep their skills in top form.

One of the college's primary tasks is to work with business and industry, seeing what their future requirements are and ensuring there is skilled personnel to fill their needs. Economic forecasts for the Lower Mainland indicate the '80's will see great growth in the area's role as principal financial, service and business centre for the pro-

vince. To meet this expanded demand, VVI is increasing enrolments in business and health programs as much as 80 percent over the next five years.

And VVI is not just upping enrolments and providing access to more people, it is working to improve the quality of training students get. Services programs, such as shoe repair, baking, hairdressing and barbering, will move to a new mall complex. This will give the public easy access to services and, most importantly, give students an opportunity to study and work under conditions like those they will encounter on-the-job.

VCC Bids Farewell to 244 Years of Service

Most of us have days when we feel we've been in the workforce for 244 years. Recently the College Board honoured 14 people, who, in fact, served Vancouver Community College for that length of time.

The 14 instructors and staff came from all three campuses and Continuing Education. Individually, each had worked for the college, or one of its predecessors, for between 10 and 28 years.

On the evening of June 26, the College Board hosted a dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel to thank them for their contributions to the college. Joining Board Chairman Bill Brown in paying tribute to the retirees were College President Tony Manera, Langara Campus Principal Dr. Jock Denholm, King Edward Campus Principal Harry Pankratz, Vancouver Vocational Institute Principal Jake McInnis, Bursar Max Flemming and Director of Personnel and Labour Relations Dale Jones. Those honoured were:

W.T. Berry, welding instructor at VVI for 10 years;
Mrs. L.A. Friesen, power sewing instructor at VVI for 16 years;
A.H. Glenesk, director of Continuing Education and a leader in adult education for 25 years;
Mrs. C.G. Hillier, an instructor in basic training for skills development at KEC for 13 years;
Dr. D.J. Hunden, a history instructor at Langara Campus, retiring after 16 years with the college;
E.F. Klaus, an electronics instructor at VVI for 20 years;
Mrs. H.G. Moore, chairman of Langara Campus's economics department, retiring from the college after 18 years;
J.T. Moore, with the VVI counselling department for 28 years;
Dr. R.S. Moth, an instructor in art history at Langara Campus for 14 years;
Mrs. M.H. Ottem, co-ordinator of Langara Campus's food services program, leaving the college after 14 years;
Mrs. V. Remedios, a cafeteria worker at VVI for 18 years;
Ms. E.C. Stubbs, an English instructor and co-ordinator of Langara Campus's Canadian studies program, retiring after 18 years;
E.D. Tuley, an instructor in electronics at VVI 22 years; and
Mrs. W. Zuker, retiring from the Langara Campus library after 12 years.

Their careers are obviously as broad and varied as the college itself. But, whether they served as instructors or staff, no matter what campus or sector, they are distinguished by their contributions to the college and to adult education.

Many of the retirees are now off on well deserved vacations. But those InterCom did track down, who are still at the college, don't plan to retire to rocking chairs.

Mrs. Helen Moore, chairman of Langara's economics department, leaves the college at the end of the year to pursue her doctorate at Simon Fraser University. She says this should take her about three years of fulltime study.

She doesn't know what her thesis topic will be, but she thinks it will be in the area of labour relations or foreign exchange.

"As the clock winds down I'm finally getting a chance to do the things I really want to do," she said.

VVI welding instructor Bill Berry plans to just sit back for the first month and take it easy. But then, he says, he and his wife, who is retiring from her job at the same time, will likely be off with their motor home and boat to the Cariboo to do some fishing.

"I'm the sort who has to keep busy," Berry said. "So I'm sure I'll be going back and doing some work in the industry."



Retiree Bill Berry and Mrs. Berry talk with retiree Mrs. Cynthia Hillier.



The retirees with College Board Chairman Bill Brown, President Tony Manera, Langara Principal Dr. Jock Denholm, KEC Principal Harry Pankratz and VVI Principal Jake McInnis.

VCC Symposium on Alternative Healing

Vancouver Community College recently offered people in the Lower Mainland a unique opportunity to find out about a broad range of holistic healing techniques. The college's Continuing Education division sponsored a symposium on alternative healing techniques at Robson Square Media Centre.

"What the symposium tried to do is expose people to a variety of different means of enhancing their health, not only physically, but spiritually and emotionally too," said Carol Anne Rolf, who is health programmer for Continuing Education. "People are increasingly viewing health as more than the absence of disease. They aren't looking for a cure for particular symptoms, but for means of caring for themselves and enriching their lives in ways which recognize the whole person."

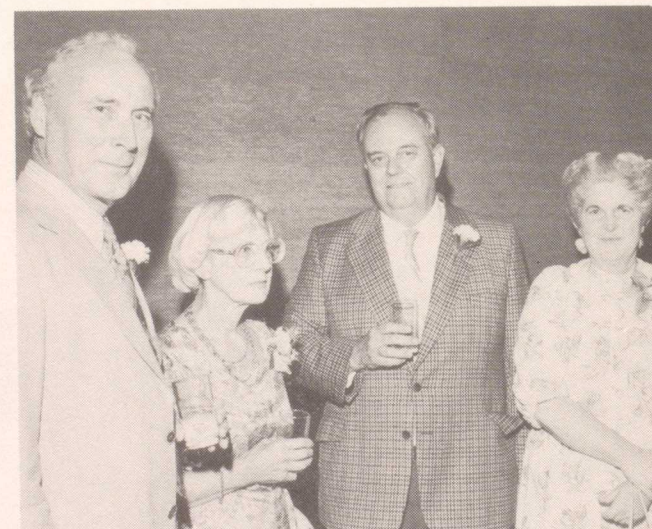
She went on to explain that many alternative healing techniques are part of the self-help movement. "People are coming to the realization that they have some responsibility and personal power for the way they feel," she said. "No one medicine can provide all the answers. This symposium was about asking the questions. The more information people have, the more informed personal choices they can make about their own state of health."

The symposium, modelled on the Chinese circle of five elements, featured five sessions over two days. Each session offered a choice of five workshops. The workshops, all conducted by local resource people, touched on a wide range of alternative healing techniques. Options ranged from the well known, such as acupuncture, stress management, yoga and biofeedback, to Japanese energy healing and neuro-linguistic programming, which are newer techniques to North America.

But I'm going to take my time making up my mind."

Continuing Education Director Alf Glenesk, who leaves the college in October, is planning a trip to Atlantic Canada this fall. And he and Mrs. Glenesk are booked on a November trans-can cruise too. He hasn't sorted out his options for the future, but he has a number of ideas in mind, including further studies or perhaps a career in business.

"I'll be happy to have time just to catch up on my reading," Glenesk said. "For so long I've been absorbed in education materials, I'll enjoy sitting down with a good Agatha Christie."



Chatting at the pre-dinner reception are: (left to right) retiree Dr. Dave Hunden, Mrs. Moth, retiree Bob Moth and Mrs. Moore.



Personnel Officer Vi Bienert (left) helps Mrs. Glenesk with her corsage. Alf Glenesk, director of Continuing Education leaves the college in October after a 25 year career in adult education.

CE Graduates 153

At the college we think of all our graduates as special. But on the evening of June 25, friends and family gathered to congratulate 153 of the most special among the special in a ceremony at Langara Campus's King Edward Room.

These were the graduates in Continuing Education certificate programs. These men and women, who graduated in programs ranging from business administration, early childhood education and court interpreting, to electronics and technical drafting, represent the real spirit of community college. Getting a certificate wasn't routine for any of them. Nearly all held down fulltime jobs. Many had families. They went to classes in the evening, after a full day's work. They studied late at night and on the weekends. Though they spanned all age groups and ethnic backgrounds, they were united by a common goal — bettering their skills to better their opportunities. And that

is what community college is all about.

About 350 people came to pay tribute to these graduates. Alf Glenesk, director of CE, who was presiding over his last CE graduation, called attention to the fact that more and more enlightened employers were taking advantage of CE certificate programs to train promising employees for advancement.

"And for this I think we have to thank our advisory committees," Mr. Glenesk said. "They are made up of practitioners who are out in the working world on a day to day basis and they make sure our courses relate to what goes on there."

He went on to pay special tribute to Dr. Tom Kelly, head instructor in the business administration program, who leaves CE and the college at the end of June after more than 10 years with the program. He presented Dr. Kelly



CE certificate program graduates leave the ceremony for a reception with faculty, families and friends.



Century 21 President Peter Thomas shares some sage advice with CE certificate program graduates.



CE Director Alf Glenesk presides over his last CE graduation ceremony. Seated (left to right) are: Bernard Schachter, business law instructor; Susan Bell, co-ordinator of the Management Development Centre; VCC President Tony Manera; Tom Kelly, senior instructor for business administration programs; and Peter Thomas, president of Century 21.

Day Care a Certainty for KEC

A day care centre for the new King Edward Campus took a giant step towards realization on May 22 when Grace MacCarthy, minister of human resources and deputy premier, presented the board with a cheque for \$100,000 to cover most of the centre's construction costs.

This money, along with a \$20,000 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacGregor, who sold the China Creek site to the college, ensures quality child care will continue to be available at King Edward Campus. A significant number of KEC students are single parents, at the college to upgrade their training so they can better provide for their families. The new centre will give care to their children and to children from the surrounding neighbourhood. There will be places for 12 children under three years and 20 children over three years.

At the presentation ceremony, attended by about 60 people from the college community, President Tony Manera said the new day care centre was one of the college's attempts to relate to the needs of the community. He thanked all the individuals and groups who worked to get the project off the ground, particularly Vocational Instructors' Association President Al Stusiak, KEC Student Society President Don Whitney, the Parent Encourage Group who run the day care centre, board member Dr. Nathan Divinsky who took the college's case to Victoria, the MacGregors, Mrs. MacCarthy and Education Minister Brian Smith.

"There were many obstacles and pitfalls we encountered," Manera said. "As all who were involved can testify, it wasn't smooth sailing all the way. So I am particularly

happy today that we've managed to come this far."

Mrs. MacCarthy said she had had the opportunity on a past visit to KEC to see the present day care centre and she was particularly impressed with dedicated work of the staff.

"In projects like this it isn't the dollars that are the most important component," she said. "It is the quality of care the children receive that makes a good centre."



The Honourable Grace MacCarthy called the day care centre for KEC's new China Creek Campus a fine example of government and the community working together.



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VIA Awards

On the afternoon of June 25 the Vocational Instructors Association held a ceremony at Oakridge Auditorium to honour the seven winners of VIA scholarship awards. The winners were: Gisele Hache, from the Services Division, VVI; Phillip Johnston, from the Technical Division, VVI; Bryan Andrews, from the Business and Health Division, VVI; Peter Ma, from Communication Arts, KEC; James Sutley, from the Training and Development Division, KEC; and Robert Matula, from the College Foundations Division, KEC.



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Langara Campus Scholarships Awarded

On June 24 a ceremony was held in the King Edward Room to present scholarship awards to 11 Langara Campus students.

The winners were: realty appraisal student Ronald Woolley, who received an award from the Appraisal Institute of Canada, B.C. Association; realty appraisal student Paul Bellano, whose award also came from the Appraisal Institute of Canada; accounting students Constance Jacobs and Violet Toplak, with scholarships from the Certified General Accountants' Association; nursing student Monica Brennan and theatre arts student Wayne York, who received awards from the Langara Faculty Association; Gail Berry, a geography student, was recipient of the J.D. Gray Award; arts and science student Kwok-Fai Kwong was awarded a scholarship from Pond's University Food Services Ltd.; realty appraisal student Patrick Gannon was awarded a scholarship from William V. Falcus & Associates; and arts and science student Anna Borowska and nursing student Patricia Wejr were awarded Langara Campus scholarships.



Langara Campus scholarship winners with presenters and campus officials.

Practical Nursing Graduates 100th Class

There were dazzling white uniforms and corsages of red carnations amid the chandeliers of the Hotel Georgia's ballroom on the afternoon of July 3 when 39 women and 9 men became the 100th class to graduate from VVI's practical nursing program.

VVI Principal Jake McInnis welcomed about 350 family and friends of the graduates to the ceremony. He reminded the audience that VVI's first class in practical nursing started in 1947 and there were representatives from all 100 graduating classes at the ceremony.

Former department head and senior instructor Mrs. R. Hawkins introduced the former graduates, who represented nearly 3,000 practical nurses who graduated from the program over the last 34 years. Among their number was Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, holder of licence number one, the first person in the province to receive her accreditation.

McInnis paid tribute to the practical nursing instructors, past and present. "Without them we would not have established this long tradition of excellence," he said. "This took dedication and conscientious effort." He went on to acknowledge the efforts of former VVI Principal Dean Goard in getting the program started after World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Goard were guests at the ceremony.

VCC President Tony Manera told the audience that it occurred to him to ask whether ceremonies such as this graduation were meaningful anymore. He said his answer was "yes" for two reasons. They convey continuity and co-operation.

He recalled that starting the program could not have been easy. In 1947 Canada was in the midst of gearing from a wartime economy to a peacetime economy. But the long history of the program and the success of its graduates

testifies to the fact that the practical nursing program's timing was just right.

Mrs. E. Shellington presented pins to the new practical nurses and nursing orderlies, while VVI's Dean of Administration and Student Services, Hans Rerup presented the graduates with their certificates.

The award for the highest overall achievement in the class went to Gale Heath. While the award for theory went to Teasa Haney, the awards for bedside nursing went to Elaine Mass, in the licenced practical nursing program, and to Ira Olney, in the nursing orderly program. A special award, voted by the class, to the person who contributed most to class morale, went to nursing orderly graduate Michael Jones.

Mitchell Fehr gave the valedictory for the nursing orderly graduates, while Lisa Hume spoke on behalf of the licenced practical nurses. Both recalled the struggles and effort it took to get through the rigorous program and the special bond this created among members of the class.

"We are like a MASH unit at the end of a war," Mitchell said. "We're glad the battle's over but we're sad to see our comrades all go their separate ways."

Lisa recalled the fantasies of graduation when the class began last September and all the knowledge and experience they had acquired since then. "Today is a day to celebrate the past and look to the future," she said, speaking for all 48 members of the 100th graduating class.



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