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STATE of THE BUDGET

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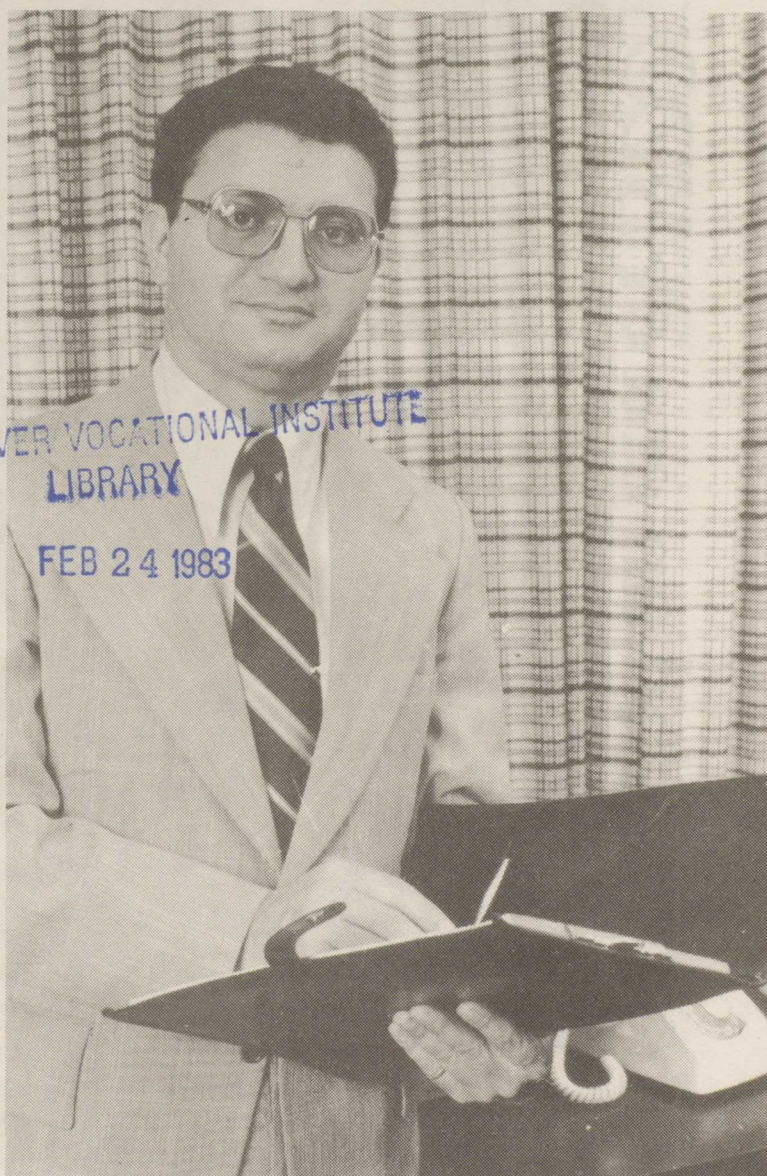
A curse of the times seems to be that we in education are no longer afforded the opportunity to talk to each other about education but seem to be forever talking about money. That in itself could be tolerable if funding levels were adequate or increasing. Unfortunately, the past seven months have brought only news of money problems and, I regret to say, my message to you now is more of the same.

On January 20 I met with representatives of all employee groups to present a provisional plan for 1983-84. That plan contemplated a budget shortfall for the coming year of \$1.3 million. On February 8 a revised version of the plan was sent out to representatives of all employee groups. The revised plan provides more detail on some of the difficult decisions I will recommend to our College Board at their March 2 meeting.

The plan sets out the impact of a zero salary lift for all employees in the coming year (though the Langara Faculty Association has an agreement that entitles its members to an 8 percent raise). Under this scheme VCC would lose 328,000 student contact hours of instruction. This would mean the equivalent of 438 full time students could not attend. The employee complement would have to be reduced by the equivalent of 40 full time positions. In fact, this situation would affect 141 individual employees because a number of the positions eliminated to meet this figure would be part-time ones.

If the Langara Faculty Association increase is included, the college's budget shortfall climbs by \$800,000. I cannot at this time give you details of the further cuts this would necessitate, but based on average salary/benefit costs, it looks as if we would have to cut the number of full time equivalent positions by another 28, making for the equivalent loss of 60 full time positions.

Is there hope for more money from Victoria? Not much. We were told months ago what to expect in 1983-84. Since then we have had two meetings with the Minister of Education, meetings with the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister, the Academic Council, the Occupational Training Council, the Chairman and Executive Director of the Management Advisory Council and a visit to the college by the Minister of the Environment, Stephen Rogers. Every one of these meetings has reinforced the conclusion that there will be no more money coming from Victoria for our regular



budget than we have been receiving on a monthly basis since October, 1982.

That being the case, we must act early to minimize the impact of the budget reductions. Many of the reductions con-
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Minister Snips Ribbon to Open Tower



With help from the official party, Education Minister Bill Vander Zalm cuts a ribbon to officially open VVI's new tower. Left to right are: VCC President Tony Manera, VVI student Diane Lewis, VIA President Dennis O'Neill, the Minister, Board Chairman Peter Hebb, VMREU representative Susan Reynolds, and VVI Principal Hans Rerup.

The Minister chats with President Tony Manera.



It was the culmination of a five year old dream. On Monday, February 7, Education Minister Bill Vander Zalm, introduced by Board Chairman Peter Hebb, officially opened the Vancouver Vocational Institute Tower, the first phase of an expansion and renovation at that campus that will bring it to the forefront of educational facilities in British Columbia.

Speaking to about 100 invited guests in the airy concrete and glass lobby, plus about 150 students watching the ceremony from balconies above the mall level, Vander Zalm said, "During times like this economic recession it is great to be a part of opening such a progressive facility. We should be proud to participate in expansions such as the one we are seeing today."

He went on to say that this facility would be the training ground for many of the skilled people who would be needed to service ALRT, B.C. Place and other major projects that are making Vancouver one of the most important service centres on the Pacific coast.

With the help of other platform guests: VCC President Tony Manera, College Board Chairman Peter Hebb, VVI Principal Hans Rerup, VIA President Dennis O'Neill, VMREU representative Susan Reynolds and VVI student Diane Lewis, the minister cut the red ribbon and unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

Board member J. C. Melvin Scott presented the college with a special gift at the ceremony, a painting of the tower site at Hamilton and Dunsmuir streets in

1934 by Scott's father Charles H. Scott, first principal of the Vancouver School of Art. As Scott pointed out, the school was located on the site in 1925, in what were then the Vancouver School Board offices and it opened as an entity on its own in 1952.

"This painting is what is called depression art," Scott said, "And I think it can serve to remind us that the vocational and technical offerings in this tower should substantially enhance our own efforts at economic recovery."

President Tony Manera welcomed all the guests and thanked all those outside and inside the college who had worked over the years to bring this project into being. In particular he noted how honoured the college was to have elected representatives such as Deputy Premier Grace McCarthy, and MLAs Gary Lauk and Alex MacDonald present. He greeted Vancouver School Board Chairman Kim Campbell and Richmond School Board Chairman Tilly Marxreiter, who is also a member of the VCC board. He welcomed educational council representatives Alan Cairns, Saul Rothman and Jean Turnbull. Also present were Dean Goard, first principal of VVI, Dr. Bert Wales, first principal of VCC and Jake McInnis, former principal of VVI and now principal of East Kootenay Community College, under whose direction much of the work on the VVI tower had been undertaken.

VVI Principal Hans Rerup commended to all those at VVI who contributed their advice and efforts to the project. As he pointed out, instructors, staff and stu-

dents at VVI had to meet the challenge on a full instructional schedule in the midst of the inevitable chaos as a major undertaking such as the tower creates.

After the ceremony invited guests adjourned to the tower's ninth floor for an informal reception where they not only enjoyed the food prepared by the cook training students, but were able to take in the rather spectacular view the top storey of the tower provides of the north shore mountains.

Platform guests admire a new plaque officially proclaiming the tower's opening.



Board member Mel Scott unveils the painting he presented to the college. It is a scene at Hamilton and Dunsmuir done in 1934 by his father, Charles H. Scott, founding principal of the Vancouver College of Art.



Former VVI Principal Dean Goard talks with guests at the reception following the tower opening.



VIA NAMES WINNERS



Winners of the VIA Awards are: (left to right) Joe Quan, Jesse Chu, June Steinman with her two daughters, Jadwiga Dzieduszynska, David Warner and Tina Leska. Absent is Doris McKnight.

The Vocational Instructors Association, representing those who teach at VVI and KEC, recognized seven of their most outstanding students, in a ceremony at the Oakridge Auditorium.

As Dick Kok, a baking instructor at VVI and chairman of the awards committee noted, those chosen had distinguished themselves in a variety of ways by their skills, attitudes, dedication and personality.

Winner from KEC Communications Arts Division was David Warner, a student in the music department. David had tried a number of jobs before concluding he wanted to be a musician. He is a talented pianist and he recently performed in the VCC Jazz Concert.

Jadwiga Dzieduszynska, a homemaker student at KEC, won in the Training and Development Division. A recent immigrant to Canada from Poland, she took English language training before embarking on her homemaker studies. She eventually hopes to go on to study rehabilitative medicine.

Doris McKnight, the winner from VVI's Business and Health Division could not be present at the ceremony,

but she had been singled out because of the hard work she had put into her LPN program. A single parent, she maintained a 3.4 grade point average and her teachers were impressed by her caring attitude and sense of humour.

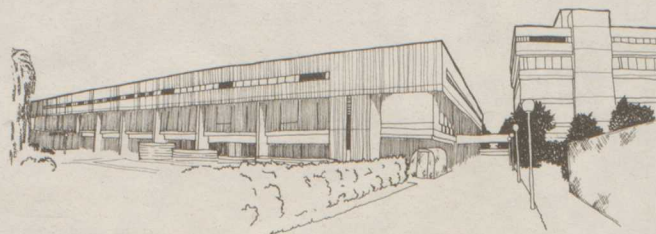
June Steinman was the winner from College Foundations. The mother of two daughters, she returned to school after a 15 year absence. She was praised for her motivation and dedication to her studies. She wants to go on to become a registered nursing assistant.

Joe Quan, a drafting student at VVI's Industrial Division, was singled out for his resourcefulness and imagination he brought to his projects.

Hairdressing student Tina Leska was the Service Division's winner. As she told the audience, she had wanted to be a hairdresser for a long time so the work was a pleasure for her.

Power engineering student Jesse Chu was the winner from the Technical Division at VVI. He has been in Canada two years and was previously a textiles engineer in Shanghai.

LANGARA AWARDS



At Vancouver Community College we are increasingly looking to the private sector for support. This support is tallied in dollars, but it represents more than funding. When those in business and industry provide this college with money they are paying tribute to the job VCC is doing in preparing people to play important roles in the workplace of British Columbia.

Recently a number of such donors honoured Langara Campus and its best students by providing scholarship grants.

Data Processing students Christian Berryman, Walter Musekamp and Denis Walliser received awards from the Data Processing Management Association. 3M Canada Ltd. also rewarded finance and investment student Noel Sayers. His classmate Mary McClelland received a scholarship from the Insurance Institute of B.C. Court reporting student Dawn Worley and nursing student Carol Fox were awarded scholarships by the Langara Faculty Association. Two accounting students, Margaret Harris and Hardell Deol were honoured by Xerox Canada Ltd. Arts & Science student Caroline Lee received a scholarship from Langara Campus, while library technician student Koji Okada was given the Peter R. Keller Memorial Scholarship.

Langara Campus Principal Dr. Jock Denholm, who acted as master of ceremonies paid tribute to those whose contributions made the presentations possible.

CAP Gets New VVI Home

In the college's reconstruction program VVI has lost heavy trades to the new KEC at China Creek. But VVI has made some acquisitions along the way. Recently Continuing Education's Career Awareness Program took up residence in the old LPN space.

The program, co-ordinated by Don Oakes, is designed to help students with learning handicaps, who show the promise of being able to work in mainstream jobs. Classroom sessions focus on topics such as how to behave on the job, how to put together a resume and complete a job application, and how to get along with co-workers. Among the skills students practice are time management, decision-making and communications.

"Students go on to practical on-the-job experience," Oakes explained. "They might work as helpers in cafeterias or restaurants, printing or gardening assistants, file clerks or laundry workers."

Oakes said it is a big plus for the program to go into VVI. "It is a real motivator for CAP students to see all the VVI students in training programs," he said. "It helps them realize that some of these possibilities are open to them too." He went on to add that coffee and lunch breaks in the cafeteria and doing research projects in the library all help to make the students feel part of the wider community.

The program is into its third year and so far it has had about 50 graduates. They have gone on to work for, among others, the Old Spaghetti Factory, the Hair Dressers Association of B.C., Murchies, the Big Scoop and the Bay.

STUDIO 58 OFFERS LAUGHTER

Comedy, chaos, mad mix-ups and frenzied fun is the formula for Studio 58's latest offering "A FLEA IN HER EAR." This classic French bedroom farce, by Georges Feydeau, plays on all the comic possibilities of a trap set by a suspicious wife to test her husband's faithfulness. Directed by theatre arts instructor Barbara Russell, this play runs through February 26.

PERFORMANCES: Tuesdays — Saturday 8:00 p.m.
TICKETS: Tuesday — Thursday \$4.50
Friday — Saturday \$5.50

RESERVATIONS: 324-5227

The new College Board for VCC: (left to right) Chairman Peter Hebb, Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Jarvis, Art Lee, Sheila Veitch, John Pearkes, Pam Glass, Bill Brown, Tilly Marxreiter, Bryan Hannay and Virginia Giles. Absent is Dr. Karl Erdman.

Order-in-council appointments to the VCC board are Pam Glass and John Pearkes. Glass is a freelance broadcaster who has been actively involved in community projects and Pearkes is a lawyer.

NEW BOARD MEETS

February 9 was the inaugural meeting of this year's College Board. From the Vancouver School Board trustees Bill Brown and Brian Hannay are appointed along with former trustee Karl Erdman. Brown, of course, is not new to the college's board. He is returning after a year's absence. Hannay, a graduate of UBC, is a chartered accountant with Clarkson, Gordon & Company.

Homemakers end an era at KEC



VCC President Tony Manera and KEC Principal Harry Pankratz join guests at a buffet lunch for homemaker graduates.



Recent homemaker graduates are commended for the diligence they gave to their studies.

It was the end of the year — the school year and the calendar year — and it was the end of an era for the King Edward Campus's homemaker program, as the last graduation in the old campus took place. There were 30 men and women, from those barely out of their teens to grandmothers, all ready to embark on careers of service to others.

They will work in personal care homes for the elderly, on hotel housekeeping staffs or for social service agencies as helpers to families who need assistance. Among the skills they learned in their program were first aid and safety, nutrition, growth and development in children, adolescents and the elderly, communications and team work.

With graduates attired in white blouses or shirts and black skirts or trousers for the occasion, there was a definite air of excitement among them as they waited to receive their badges and certificates. College President Tony Manera, KEC Principal Harry Pankratz and Dean of Instruction Robert Cunningham all commended the students for their diligent efforts. "You have shown that you can set a goal and work towards it, overcoming the difficulties you encounter on the way," Manera told the graduates.

Robert Watson, graduating from the evening program where students come to class one night a week for 60 weeks, spoke for his class when he said, "While we certainly have a sense of accomplishment, I think all of us

feel a little empty too. We are not just taking away diplomas but we're taking away memories of one another, of our sense of humour and the energy we got as a group."

Mary Elizabeth Collins, speaking for her classmates in the 13 week full-time class, noted, "We have developed in maturity as well as in skills."

Tribute was paid from many quarters to the advisory committee members, from the homemaker field, who offered their wisdom and advice to the program and program instructors, especially program head Joan Comish, were praised for skill and understanding.

After the ceremony, friends, family and guests from the homemaker field joined the graduates for a celebratory buffet lunch.

DON'T BE A MISFIT!!



Exercisers at KEC's fitness class limber up after a day on the job.

A day at the front of a classroom, or scrunched over a typewriter, leaves its legacy — a neck that snaps unpleasantly when it turns, a nagging pain in the lower back, arms that rebel when they are lifted over shoulder level.

This takes it toll. We get irritable and tire readily. But these minor miseries can be combatted by taking an occasional exercise break to keep the muscles limber.

"In my view the greatest benefit of exercise is that you not only feel much better physically, but you feel better mentally," explained Rita Shelley, KEC financial aid officer and instructor in an on campus CE fitness program. "You feel calmer and, because you have more energy you can stand up better to stress."

"Employees who are fit tend to have more stamina," Ruth Reynolds, a private fitness consultant who runs a program for employees at Langara Campus, said. "They generally have higher morale and lower rates of absenteeism."

Both programs focus on muscle tone, endurance and flexibility in sessions that first warm up the muscles, then go on the aerobic exercises and finally a cool down, where exercisers stretch and relax. Both programs monitor the heart training rate so exercisers can gauge their progress.

The KEC program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:20 in the afternoon in Room 110. It is sponsored through CE and, although the program began

in January, Shelley says new participants are welcome to register for the remaining sessions, which run through until the end of March. As well as a work out, the classes demonstrate deep muscle relaxation, foot massage and provide information on breathing, nutrition and other health concerns.

At the moment, she says, she has a mix of people — three from KEC, a number of office workers from nearby businesses, a couple of teachers and some staff from the Vancouver General Hospital. There are 17 women and one man in the program. The average age is 37 and four in the class are over 50. "Age isn't a barrier," she said, "It's never too late to start!"

At Langara Campus fitness classes, open on a drop-in basis to any employee, run Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. "We usually hold classes on the fifth floor of the library," Reynolds explains, "and we draw anywhere from 20 to 35 people." About 25 percent of the participants are men, she said.

As well as the three day a week fitness class, Reynolds, who has two degrees in physical education from Queens University, gives fall and spring health workshops. The latest, Feb. 22, is on stress and hypertension. It is followed two days later by a blood pressure clinic.

"Among the things we'll be talking about is how moderate exercise can control high blood pressure," she explained. The session can only accommodate 80, so she urges any interested Langara employees to fill out the registration in the Faculty Bulletin as soon as possible.

While an on location program is ideal, providing a thorough workout right at the workplace, there are exercises even the desk bound can do right in their office chairs. These will relieve some of the cricks and loosen some of the tension.

Tall Stretch: Interlock fingers, palms up, stretch arms above head until they're straight. Don't let your back arch.

Toe-in and Toe-out: Feet shoulder width apart, heels on the floor, swing toes in, then out.

Side Stretch: Drop left shoulder, reaching left hand toward the floor. Return to your starting position and repeat to the right side.

Back Curl: Grasp shin, lift your left leg off the floor. Bend forward (curling your back), reaching your nose toward the knee.

Ankle Flex & Stretch: Hold one foot off the floor, leg straight. Alternately flex ankle, pointing your toes up, and extend, pointing your toes down, repeat with opposite leg.

Trunk Twist: Twist your upper body so the right hand rests on the outside of the left thigh, reaching left shoulder and elbow behind. Repeat alternately to the other side.

Shoulder Roll: Roll the shoulders, raise them, pull them back, then drop them and relax. Repeat in the opposite direction.

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tained in the provisional plan are based on an annual saving, which means beginning April 1, 1983. If we wait 6 months to make the reductions we will be forced to cut twice as deeply.

I encourage all of you to become familiar with the provisional plan and its implications. I also ask you to keep in mind that in sharing those plans you share the risk that some of the assumptions made may prove faulty or change with events — that is the risk of any attempt to read the future.

Looking into a more distant future and on a decidedly more upbeat note, there is some hope that for 1984-85 there will be a more suitable funding basis in post secondary education. Formula funding is being examined and pursued by the ministry and it is our opinion that any rational formula for funding has to result in net gains for this college.

Like most of you I look forward to the time when we again spend far more time on matters directly related to education and the concerns of our students and far less time on matters related to our budgets. Let's all hope for a rapid recovery in our British Columbia economy.

Champagne Styles for Beer Prices

The hairdresser in training at VVI can do more than give blue rinses to greying hair. In fact, if a punk rock cut, complete with orange and green streaks is what you want, they'll give it to you.

The salon takes clients at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are required only for colouring. They are particularly interested in attracting younger clients and can provide a wide range of services at rock bottom prices.

Drop in or call 681-9554 for an appointment.



For instance:

Shampoo & Cut	\$2.00
Perms	\$9.00
Colouring	\$6.00
Henna	from \$8.00
Streaking	from \$6.50

Those in the junior and senior training levels are on until 3 p.m. and they are followed by apprenticeship students, who have worked in salons for two years and are now returning to write their board exams.

All styling is under the watchful eyes of instructors with many years experience.

Drop in or call 681-9554 for an appointment.

TAKE NOTE!

With the move to China Creek of KEC, Central Administration and CE right around the corner, here are some phone numbers and mailing addresses you might want to clip out.

King Edward Campus

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Box 24620 Station 'C'
Vancouver, B.C.
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875-6111

Continuing Education

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