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## CVA-ACCC Conference a Success



They came from Africa, Asia, England and the United States. They came in droves from across Canada to the 1984 Vancouver-hosted joint conference of the Canadian Vocational Association and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

Left, Captain Vancouver, alias Jake McInnis, president of East Kootenay Community College, presents flowers to Mrs. Manera at the closing banquet.

Estimates put the delegate count at about 1,200. These include students, instructors, administrators, presidents, board members and representatives of business, industry and government. All took active part in the conference at the city's Harbourside Holiday Inn.

The conference, built around the theme "The Future is Now!", took an intensive and wide ranging look at changes as they are affecting community colleges.

The conference began May 29, with a keynote address by super bureaucrat Bernard Ostry that looked at the question: "What Kinds of Futures?" In a thought provoking talk, he concluded that the future was largely indiscernible, impossible to predict with any certainty. The primary asset, then, is to provide students with the tools that will make them flexible, readily adaptable to change.

"I think the foundation for this is a broad general education in the humanities and social sciences," he said. He went on to observe that most people can expect to have four or five different careers in a lifetime. There is no skill an individual can learn that won't be subject to changes over the years ahead.

A Scottish piper leads head table guests into the conference's closing banquet.





# New Solutions for Lean Times ...

After the dollars are squeezed, the pennies pinched and the columns added up, the story for 84/85 is that we have to do more with less. The government grant to the college, the money that covers over 80 percent of our expenses, drops from \$40.246 million to \$39.856 million, or 1 percent. And we're being called upon to deliver over 722,000 more student contact hours than we did last year, an increase of over 8.6 percent (A student contact hour is one of scheduled instruction delivered to one student).

## **Inflation is trotting, if not galloping ahead.**

So, while the bottom line figure — this year \$47,425,214 — is up a modest 513,514 over last year — clearly much more mileage must be wrung out of this year's dollar.

In a bid to make up a good part of the drop in government grant, tuition fees for full-time programs go up on average slightly more than 30 percent. Where tuition provided \$5,713,000 in revenue last year, this year's increases should bring that figure up to \$7,272,000. Other sources of income, namely bookstore chargeback, food services chargeback and investment income, brought in \$542,542 last year. This year it is anticipated they will generate some \$555,000.

## **But what most of us want to know is: how will the area we work in be hit? How will we have to do more with less?**

No matter where in the college you work there are certain universal truths to cope with in this year's budget. Offices, classrooms, corridors and libraries won't be cleaned as often. If equipment is decrepit, prepare to see it struggle on a few more years. There is no money for replacement. If a new widget is on the market that could make your work easier, your performance more efficient, count on a lengthy period of anticipation. The money is not in this year's budget. Renovations and upgrading are out for 84/85. Classrooms will be more crowded, appointments with counsellors shorter and library books more worn.

Here is a breakdown of the budget impact on each centre.

### **Vancouver Vocational Institute**

At Vancouver Vocational Institute, Principal Hans Rerup reports that some 23 positions are affected. "Of course, we are losing six faculty positions and one support position as a result of privatization," he explains. The skin care program and parts of hairdressing, men's hairstyling and business office training are being eliminated, at the directive of the Ministry of Education. The private sector is expected to take up training responsibilities here.

**Practical nursing enrolment will be reduced 15 percent. Welding will see a 40 percent reduction and drafting an 18 percent reduction. Some of this drop is a result of Lower Mainland rationalization — a process intended to eliminate program duplication among colleges in the same region. Reductions in welding and drafting reflect the set backs in the construction industry and the drop in demand for these skilled trades. Though the impact of these reductions will not hit the college until the fall of 1985.**

**Computer electronics, basic electronics, electricity and industrial electronics, word processing and the machinist program are slated for growth of 20 to 33 percent.**

Though, Rerup cautions, this is merely a reflection of the realities of the past few years, when these growth areas were funded on a temporary basis rather than the regular annual budget.

In a bid to increase productivity, reductions are being made in building construction, power engineering, Chinese cuisine, and cook training, junior computer programming and program development. The B.C.

Hospitality Resources Centre, a consultative service for the industry, is being reduced to a part-time operation and a number of campus support staff positions are being eliminated.

### **Langara Campus**

Principal J. J. Denholm says arts and science, the largest component of Langara's offerings, is bearing the brunt of this year's harsh dollar realities.

"There simply aren't cuts that can be made to some of the career programs in omega division, for instance," he explains. "These are programs with two or three instructors. If you cut there you effectively eliminate the program. Consequently, it is the humanities and social sciences that are being particularly hard hit."

To cut costs there is to be a net reduction in the sections offered in each division. It is the administration's goal to add an average of three students to each section. Though, Denholm explains, if an average of one to two students were added, the campus would meet its increased objective for student contact hours. In 84-85 Langara is looking for a lift of about 124,000 SCH. In the last year for which statistics are available, 82-83, Langara's average class size in arts and science was already 18.5 per cent above the provincial average.

The campus is anticipating a reduction in instructors equivalent to 10.64 full-time positions. Denholm says it hasn't yet been determined how many individuals this will touch.

**Guided independent study is another victim of restraint. All 27 sections disappear. These programs, Denholm explains, serve students who can't fit courses they need into their regular schedule.**

"For instance, an older nursing student might need two psychology courses, but she can't arrange them around her commitments at home. Guided independent study would let her take these two courses by correspondence. They also worked well for people who had clashes in their timetables."

Along with the loss of guided independent study, Langara must convert a portion of laboratory assistance into direct instruction.

Remediation services, such as the reading lab and the Gold Room, will be cut, if not eliminated.

### **Continuing Education**

**In Continuing Education the fee hike — 25 percent for all community service programs, 30 percent for all other programs, except continuing nursing education, which is seeing a lift of 100 percent — has to cover an increasing part of costs.**

"The individual's approach to CE courses is: 'Do I really want it or is there something better to do with the \$60?'" explains Tom Toulson, the division's acting director. "We can't anticipate what influence the tuition fee hike will have on our market. We should know by the end of September when we've gone through the first weeks of enrolment."

While continuing education courses have always been premised on the user-pay notion, the provincial government has traditionally provided a grant — last year \$100,000 — to defray costs of non-credit courses. This year that subsidy has been substantially reduced.

"A good example," Toulson says, "is the courses we offer to the mentally handicapped. These cost about \$30,000 to put on. They generate 6,000 student contact hours and \$6,000 in revenue. Clearly, we can't ask these people to pay the full cost. We have to come up with the \$24,000 shortfall. Now we expect to cover this with profits from other offerings. But we're building our assumptions on an untested market. We don't yet know whether we'll have these surpluses."

### **King Edward Campus**

At King Edward Campus, Gerry Sylvester, dean of

administrative and student services, and Robert Cunningham, dean of instruction, report that the budget is up 6.2 percent. However, for that lift, enrolments must increase approximately 15 percent. The SCH are slated to rise by more than 415,000, though some of this is the result of the conversion of temporarily funded programs into the regular budget.

**Among the changes that must take place at KEC are longer hours for instructors and larger class sizes. Neighbourhood English, which was free, now must charge students.**

Release time for administrative duties is being cut back and all division chairmen are picking up classroom duties along with their administrative load.

**No full-time positions are being cut, but temporary contracts, to the equivalent of about 16 full-time positions, won't be renewed.**

"To cut our costs we've avoided filling one division chairman's position for three months," Sylvester says. "The dean of instruction has had to carry that load."

Both deans expressed concern about the impact of tuition fee increases on the student body. "We simply don't know what impact this will have on our enrolment as changes will probably have to be made in the program mix when students enrol in September," Cunningham says.

In the counselling department appointments will be taken only on a drop in basis and counsellors have to double their number of appointments each hour. The campus security force is being cut from five to four and cleaning services are being pared to a minimum.

A number of KEC programs — BTSD, NEST, ELT — rent space off campus. All these rental spaces must be looked at seriously because there is no budget this year to cover rentals.

Both deans are concerned about the impact departmental exams in the secondary schools could have on KEC. If this ups the failure rate there, more students could look at the campus as a second chance. Then, too, the cut in remedial services at Langara Campus could mean more students referred to KEC for upgrading.

**"Though our position is different," Sylvester says, "we have a good, dedicated faculty and I know they will help us in finding innovative ways of meeting the needs of our students."**

### **College Resources**

In College Resources, the areas that provide support to instruction, Director Ross Carter reports the division is able to maintain service with fairly minimal cuts, but won't be in a position to meet new demands.

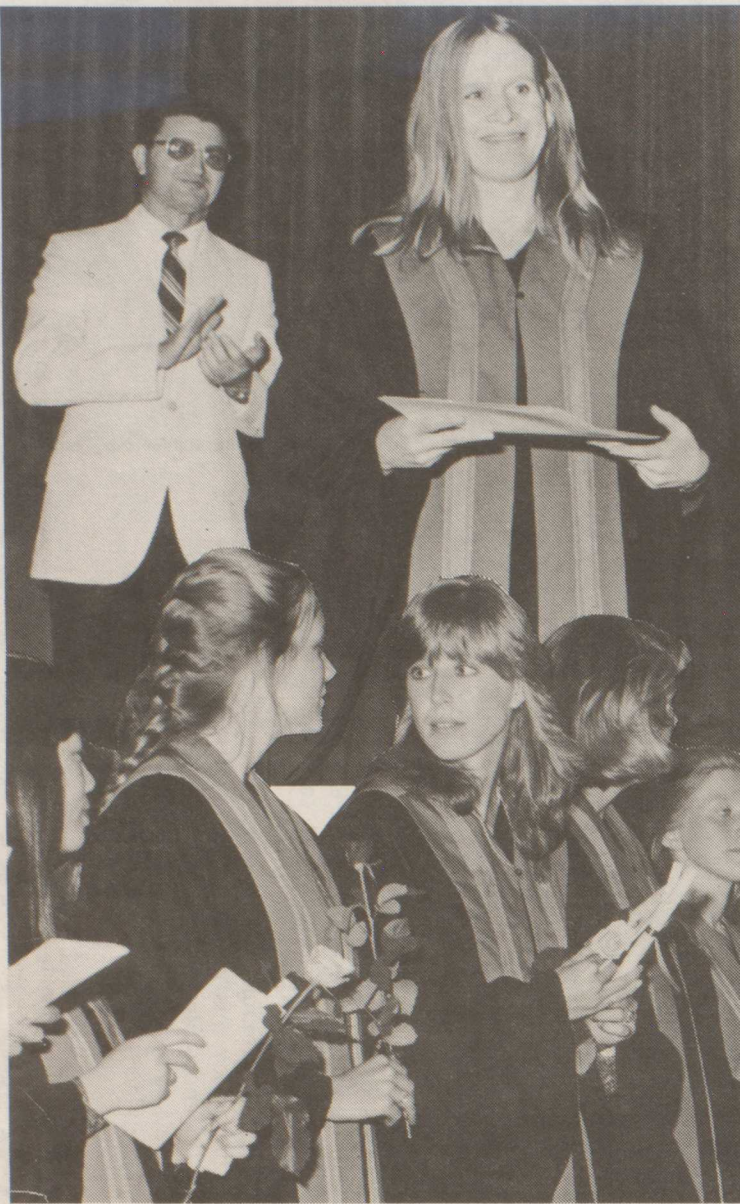
**The biggest loss, apart from cuts to library and health services staffing, he says, is in the library's capital operating budget. Previously this account covered between 30 and 50 percent of the cost of new acquisitions. It has been totally eliminated.**

In the Instructional Media Services there is no money to replace worn equipment and no funds to acquire new types of equipment. Money for public relations and for advertising stays at the same level as last year, but costs have risen about 12 percent and an increased number of activities must be squeezed out of the same amount of money.

### **Central Administration**

The biggest reduction in Central Administration comes to the buildings and grounds department budget. That department's budget drops over \$900,000. Obviously, one time moving expenses of \$300,000, along with renovations to VVI at \$348,685 boosted last year's expenditures, but there is a real dollar drop as well. The cleaning budget is down \$20,000. The regular moving budget is down from \$300,000 to \$70,000 and supplies spending must drop more than \$40,000.





## Record Grad at Langara

Spring Graduation at Langara Campus saw a record 543 students pick up diplomas in arts and science and career programs. This year's winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Medal was nursing graduate Mary Lynn Douglas.

Principal J.J. Denholm acted as host for the event, which saw family and friends of the graduates crowd into the campus gymnasium the evening of May 24. Board member Pam Glass presented the medal and President Tony Manera brought good wishes on behalf of the college.

Top left: Lieutenant Governor's Medal winner Mary Lynn Douglas

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## NEWS MAKERS



"The MARGIN of EXCELLENCE"  
The  
VCC Education Foundation  
Campaign is Off and Running  
at the VVI and KEC...

### GIVE TO HELP ONE OF OUR STUDENTS

Salary	Give	Monthly Deduction
\$12,000	\$ 23	1.91
13,000	25	2.08
14,000	26	2.17
15,000	29	2.42
16,000	31	2.58
18,000	34	2.83
20,000	38	3.17
25,000	48	4.00
30,000	57	4.75
35,000	67	5.58
40,000	77	6.42
45,000	86	7.17
50,000	96	8.00
60,000	115	9.58

Norm Pringle, president of the Vancouver Kiwanis, presents \$500 in bursary money to Dean of Administrative and Student Services John Vandenaeker. Looking on are: (left to right) Ron Wood, Kiwanis auction chairman; Services Division Chairman Tony Wood; Fred Naso, food trades department head; and students in the background.



## Kiwanis Recognize Efforts of Food Trades Students

The Kiwanis Club annual TV auction is a Vancouver tradition. Each year it raises between \$50,000 and \$60,000 for worthy causes. For the past five years the several hundred volunteer workers for the event have kept going at a great pace through a very long day thanks to the barons of beef, salads, buns and pastries prepared by VVI's food services students. In

recognition of this important contribution the Kiwanis Club gives food trade students a \$500 bursary. The money is divided into ten \$50 certificates to be used for the purchase of textbooks or kitchen tools. One bursary is awarded to an outstanding student in each of the ten food trades programs at VVI.

## VVI Upgrading for Former Columbian Workers

Vancouver Vocational Institute is working with the Ministry of Labour and Canada Employment and Immigration in a bid to assist 11 print production workers, laid off when the Columbian newspaper folded, re-enter the job market.

From mid-June through October these men and women, ranging in age from 41 to 54, are going to spend five and a half hours every weekday upgrading their skills in VVI's print production facilities.

This \$480,600 program takes these people, all of whom have worked in print production for a number of years, and diversifies and updates their various skills in litho preparation. This is all the work entailed in getting a piece ready to be printed. Among the courses they take are litho press I, black-and-white line photography, and monotone image assembly and basic plate making.

"This is a very important venture," explains Rita Attenborough, liaison officer for the Ministry of Labour. "This kind of project has been undertaken before in the interior but this is a

first in our area. It is a co-operative effort among both levels of government, the union and, of course, the college.

"I think we're going to see more of this situation, where longterm businesses close and people who've worked in one organization for several years will be faced with the prospect of job hunting. In many instances they will need to expand their base of job skills and to bring their knowledge in line with the latest technological developments. That's what we're trying to do here. These people certainly have a solid base of experience and knowledge. We are trying to work with this foundation in such a way that we can expand their job possibilities.

## Donation to Diesel

Cullen Detroit Diesel Allison Ltd. has once again contributed to the diesel mechanics program at KEC. Recently the company gave the program two GMC hydraulic Marine Gears. The gears, worth about \$10,000 new, will see a lot of use in demonstrations and for hand-on training.

## College Bids Farewell to Retirees

Warm sunshine and soft ocean breezes greeted 16 retirees and their guests when they arrived at Brock House Friday evening, June 8 for a dinner in their honour hosted by the College.

The 20 who leave the College this year, after a combined service of 286 years are:

Anne Bailey, administrative offices, Langara Campus, 9 years  
Doug Brown, dean of administrative & student services, KEC, after 12 years

Colin Casey, division chairman for training and development, KEC, after 29 years

Neil Coen, power engineering, VVI, after 27 years  
Joan Cornish, homemaker program, KEC, after 8 years

Vi Ernewin, payroll, Central Administration, after 9 years  
Ernie Frost, department head, electrical programs, VVI, after 27 years

Beth Henson, supervisor of printing, VVI, after 42 years  
George McKelvey, medcom, VVI, after 20 years

Gordon Reid, history department, Langara Campus, after 19 years

Ted Ryniak, physics department, Langara Campus, after 19 years

Ellen Shellington, department head, practical nursing, VVI, after 11 years

Sylvia Stiles, administrative offices, Langara Campus, after 13 years

Nora Tolman, English department, Langara Campus, after 19 years

Marionne Wynne, librarian, Langara Campus, after 11 years

Ron Wells, co-ordinator, realty appraisal program, Langara Campus, after 11 years

On hand to wish the group well and to thank them for their years of dedicated service to the College were President Tony Manera; Bursar Max Fleming, KEC Principal Harry Pankratz; Langara Principal J. J. Denholm; VVI Principal Hans Rerup; Mary Anne Epp, head of the Langara Campus Library; Dale Jones, director of Human Resources and Vi Bienert, personnel officer.



Chatting at the retirement dinner are: (left to right) Mrs. Wells, Ron Wells, Gordon Reid and Mrs. Reid.



Retirees this year are: (left to right) Colin Casey, Marionne Wynne, Ellen Shellington, Gordon Reid, Nora Tolman, Ted Ryniak, Neil Coen, Ron Wells, Sylvia Stiles, Beth Henson, Joan Cornish, and Anne Bailey.

## Sam Lewindon to Head T&D Division at KEC

Sam Lewindon, department head of hairstyling at VVI, takes up duties July 1 as division chairman of Training and Development at KEC, replacing the retiring Colin Casey.

Lewindon has been at VVI five years, three and a half of those as department head. He came to the education field from a position as vice-president of Glemby International, a worldwide chain of hair styling shops.

"I am very excited about working with such a broad variety of programs," he said, "It is a tremendous challenge and I'm really looking forward to it."

Training and Development encompasses basic training for skills development, the adult special education department, vocational planning and work readiness, and mechanical trades.

Vancouver Vocational Institute's drafting department takes a major leap forward in September when it brings computer assisted drafting technology on stream.

The new technology, coming at a cost of \$490,000, puts VVI at the forefront of drafting training.

Computer assisted drafting was developed over the last ten years, explains department head Ron Atkinson. "It was coming on very strong when recession hit the engineering industry. This caused a bit of a fall off but as the economy picks up the trend will too. You will see computer assisted drafting in most of the major firms — H. A. Simons, B.C. Hydro, Wright Engineers Ltd., the City of Vancouver and Burrard Yarrows."

Computer assisted drafting takes a project through the design stages much more swiftly than was previously possible, cutting the time by as much as two-thirds.

"It virtually eliminates the menial repetition of tasks,"

Atkinson says. The system memorizes details and can recall them at will, for in stance, conventions and standards used in doing a particular type of project are fed into the computer.

"Let's say a builder is looking at the construction of a \$30 million bridge," he explains. "This takes him through the preliminary stages much more rapidly and in much more detail. Because of this he can make better economic projections and choices. For example, he can look at the merits of reinforced concrete as opposed to structural steel. Before these kinds of detailed projections would have simply been too time consuming."

Atkinson notes that there is some fear in the trade that the computer system could eliminate two out of three drafting jobs. "In fact, this just isn't so," he says. "Certainly you cut time, but then, because you can look at so many more alternatives so easily, the volume of work actually increases."

Until the federal government awarded VVI the funds for

computer assisted drafting, individual firms had to do their own training on these new systems, an undertaking they were not usually keen on, Atkinson reports.

"There are a number of different systems," he explains, "but the transferability between systems is very good. To use the technology is really a matter of learning the particular thought process entailed. Once a person has the thought pattern down that individual could quickly master any system."

When the program gets off the ground this fall, the first objective, Atkinson says, is to provide upgrading to the estimated 2,000 men and women already working as draftsmen in the Lower Mainland.

"It is important to understand that this new technology doesn't totally replace traditional drafting skills," he says, "It builds on them. You have to have the drawing skills to begin with. To handle the program people need knowledge of drafting concepts at least equivalent to what a graduating student in our present program would have."

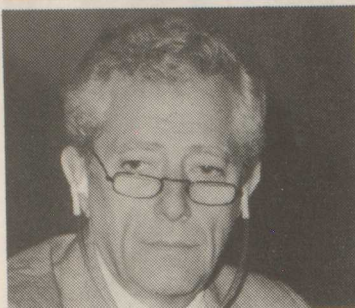
The new program will provide 18 working stations for students each with a full sized drawing board, large plotters, small thermal plotters and printers. The program will run two seven hour shifts each week day. The trained draftsman should pick up the fundamentals of the system in about three months of full-time training. This introductory training could be followed by advanced training and then a systems management program. Atkinson says it would definitely be into 1985 before all phases of this three tiered training system could be in place.

All instructors in the department are scheduled to take training on the new computer system.

"What I'd like to see happen in the future," Atkinson says, "is a tie in with the machine shop through numerical control. We could prepare drawings here, then transmit the information on magnetic tape and the computer would direct the machinery to fabricate the material."







Keynote speaker Bernard Ostry's address was titled "What Kinds of Future?"



Dr. Pat McGeer, B.C.'s minister of Universities, Science and Communications spoke on "Government and Governance Issues for the Future."



Al Stusiak, from the ELT department at KEC, led a conference session.



Grant Kelly watches as 1,200 delegates register.

Among the topics examined over the three day conference were: learning resources in the future, communications and language in the future, instructors and trainers in the future, and coping with change. Along with Ostry, other key participants were Dr. Pat McGeer, B.C.'s minister of Universities, Science and Communications; Dr. Walter Hardwick, president of the Knowledge Network and professor at UBC; and Dr. Larry Blake from the Oregon Institute of Technology. From among our own ranks at the college Al Stusiak, Dennis O'Neil, Hans Rerup, Barbara Bowers and John Cousineau were workshop presenters.

All the excitement wasn't generated in the sessions, conference delegates enjoyed excellent co-operation from the city which bathed its spectacular scenery in sunshine.

People from community colleges and institutes throughout the region worked diligently to create this successful conference. Conference Chairman Tony Manera reports dozens of people approaching him with congratulations on a conference that was not only well organized but executed by people who showed pride in delivering services and hospitality to their visitors. The planning took one year and many of those involved had invested hundreds of hours of time and energy before the conference opened.

As Manera so aptly noted in his address to the closing banquet, the conference was a success because so many people worked hard to show how well B.C. could host a national event.

Congratulations go to all who contributed their hours and enthusiasm.

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George Madden, public affairs director for Expo 86, Jack Hundley, CVA/ACC conference co-ordinator, Jack Heinrich, Minister of Education and Tony Manera VCC president and conference host.



President Tony Manera and Peter Hebb, college chairman, chat with delegates.



Administrators and instructors from community colleges across Canada exchange information and ideas.